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No cause found for illness among Inn conventioners

Bethel Inn officials called in state health inspectors late last week after receiving reports from two convention groups that many members of the groups suffered 24-hour intestinal disorders during their stay at the Inn.

State inspectors looked at the menus, took samples of the different foods in the kitchen, the water, the drainage, the ice cube maker and also tested stool samples from the 14 food handlers.

Diane Williams, RN, of the Disease Control Section of the state's Division of Health Engineering, told The Citizen Tuesday that all the tests had proven negative—no cause could be found for the illnesses.

Bethel Inn owner Dick Rasor was delighted at the news. "We're terribly relieved," he said, adding that this was the first time the Inn had ever had a large number of its guests contract a similar ailment. He said those who complained of the illness suffered diarrhea, vomiting, or both.

Inn manager Ray Moran said the guests who complained of illness were all members of two convention groups that used the Inn during the past two weeks. In all, 36 members of the two groups—which totaled 160 members—came down with the ailment, he said.

During the same period, Mr. Moran said, the Inn served over 600 other guests, and none of them reported the

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MEMBERS OF THE TELSTAR CHORUS entertained shoppers at the school's annual Holly Fair, last Saturday. The chorus members above are, left to right:

Heather Roberts, Amy Hannon, Susan Crandall, Shilo Hutchins, Solal Buchanan, Michelle Powell, Mishel Inman, Bernadette Mills.

(Photo by Jeanne Boehms)

Citizens group proposes conservation commission

Citizens of Bethel who are interested in forming a conservation commission for the town are invited to an open meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m., at Telstar Regional High School.

The purpose of this commission will be to serve as "the environmental conscience of the community." Its specific goals will depend upon the needs and support of the community. As of August, 1984, over 150 towns and cities in Maine have formed conservation commissions. These include Bridgton, Buckfield, Dixfield, Fryeburg, Harrison, Hebron, Lovell, Waterford and Wayne, just to name a few of our neighbors.

The impetus to form a conservation commission came from the NTL Community Action Workshop held in Bethel Oct. 30. The committee which formed at that workshop stated its purpose as "the preservation of natural and wild and green areas in S.A.D. 4." "These areas," the committee stated, "include the water, the land, the air, the sun, the moon, the stars, the planets, the galaxies, the universe, and the human race."

The Town of Woodstock already has an active conservation commission, and people in Newry have begun to take steps toward forming one. If formed, Bethel's conservation commission will work with the town manager, the selectmen and the planning board to be a watchdog for the



GRAHAM AND NINA SYSKO found a fun way to entertain themselves while their mom, Holly, was shopping at the Congregational Church Craft Fair last Saturday.

(Photo by Jeanne Boehms)

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Bethel purchases plants (plus some ladybugs) to eat sludge

Reeds are being used to eat sludge disposal costs.

According to Rob Gundersen, superintendent of the Bethel Wastewater Treatment Facility, a modern adaptation of an ancient technique for dealing with waste should save the town \$24,000 over the next eight years.

Last year, the wastewater facility produced 284,000 gallons of sludge, which had to be treated with lime and hauled off to landfill in Hanover and East Bethel—at a cost of approximately four cents a gallon.

"And the costs for hauling, treating and testing were starting to skyrocket," Mr. Gundersen said.

The only alternatives that sewerage engineers or the Department of Environmental Protection could suggest for reducing the volume of sludge involved expensive equipment and strong chemicals, he said.

But in reading through "Water and Waste Digest," a professional journal, Mr. Gundersen came across an article describing a sophisticated adaptation of a primitive technique probably used by

the ancient Egyptians.

The process, developed by the Max Planck Institute of West Germany, uses reeds (Phragmites communis) to remove the water from sludge and to convert sludge solids into carbon dioxide and water.

The reeds have a voracious thirst for water. To satisfy this thirst they extend their root systems continually into the sludge deposits. This extended root system in turn supports the establishment of a rich microflora that feeds on the organic content of the sludge.

According to reports prepared by Biological Water Purification of New England, Inc., which markets the process in the eastern United States, the process is so effective that more than 95 percent of the sludge solids are removed.

This means that the sludge drying beds in which the reeds are grown will not have to be dredged for up to 10 years.

Mr. Gundersen followed up on the article, and in August, 2200 reeds were planted in the two drying beds at the Bethel facility.

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Forest Service cuts 20,000 acres from timber use

White Mountain National Forest Supervisor Mike Hathaway has issued a decision amending the Forest Plan for the 763,000-acre White Mountain National Forest.

The amendments were made as a result of closing two appeals of the April 1980 Forest Plan. The appellants were the New Hampshire Timberlands Owners Association and the Conservation Law Foundation of New England.

Mr. Hathaway expressed satisfaction with the closing of both appeals. "Many organizations and individuals have worked hard throughout the entire planning process and the appeal negotiations to make this Forest Plan a model for public land management. The active participation and the interest of the public are essential elements of successful planning. We look forward to working

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Town will hire assistant for Planning Board

By a 5-0 vote Monday night, the Bethel selectmen authorized the town manager to hire a planning assistant for the town.

The part-time town employee will assist the Planning Board in reviewing and processing subdivision and site plan applications, and other land use related plans and applications. The planning assistant will be responsible to the town manager and will work between 10 and 20 hours a week.

The town manager expects the position to require a salary of about \$5,000 for the six months remaining in the fiscal year, with the money to come from site plan review fee revenues.

Town Manager Rodney Lynch told selectmen the state auditors saw no problem with using these fees for funding the position, so long as it is a part-time position. Mr. Lynch added he would nevertheless like to have authorization from Town Meeting.

The call for assistance for the Planning Board came from members of that board as well as members of the town office staff, who find themselves increasingly absorbed in dealing with Planning Board matters. The planning assistant is expected to make life easier for town officials.

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Happy 38th Frank!

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Opinions

CMP to buy local power but...

A press release from Central Maine Power this week states the utility is interested in purchasing 100 megawatts of power from New England producers. The request for proposals states the energy may be supplied by cogeneration, small power projects or energy management projects. A spokesman said energy management means plans for conservation, or avoidance of consumption.

It will be interesting to see how many megawatts of power area producers, or potential producers, are willing to offer CMP. In response to last summer's request for proposals for 100 megawatts of power, CMP was flooded by offers totaling over 1,400 megawatts. The company will begin negotiating this month with the most promising of those offers.

In the face of all these attempts to sell power to CMP, it is a wonder that CMP is only looking for 100 megawatts here, 100 megawatts there. Meanwhile, the utility is ready to import 1,000 megawatts from Canada.

At last week's hearing in Mexico before officials of the federal Department of Energy, there were just a handful of people and organizations who came forward to challenge the logic of erecting an iron wall of powerline towers through western Maine to bring this imported power into New England. The feeling seemed to be that CMP would get its federal permit notwithstanding the possible health risks from the high-voltage lines, the environmental degradation from clearing mountains to make way for towers, and the lack of need for the 1,000 megawatts.

On the latter point, CMP officials say they really need only 600 megawatts for Maine's needs in the 21st century, but the Canadians are forcing the utility to buy 1,000 megawatts—the remainder to be sold to other utilities in New England. CMP officials further say that profits made on the sale of the excess power will be used to lower the cost of electricity to Maine consumers.

While the DOE permitting process may not be much of a hurdle for CMP to get over, the state Legislature will, it is hoped, make the utility prove the imported power is needed and cannot be supplied locally. Locally produced power, after all, yields not only power, but also jobs and taxes. Imported power means shipping money out of the state. The Legislature will offer its judgment, in the form of an act authorizing the importation, during the next session.

The main question still remains, if CMP really needs 600 megawatts, why is it not shopping locally for that amount, instead of asking for offers of a mere 100 megawatts?

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Sunday River Road revisited

Bethel officials have requested an engineer from the state Department of Transportation to look at the so-called "suicide curve" on the Sunday River Road and see what might be done in terms of signage to make it less of a hazard to drivers unfamiliar with the treacherous curve.

This is an important first step in discharging the town's responsibility for making town roads as safe as possible. But this should not be the end of the matter. Town officials must insist that DOT at least add danger signs before the curve. (At present there is only the usual curve warning sign, and there is no reduction in the allowable 45 mph speed limit.)

At their meeting Monday night, Bethel selectmen mostly agreed with Town Manager Rodney Lynch that the problem was not with the design of the curve or the absence of any danger signs, but rather with the drivers rushing to get up to the skiway. Only Selectman Peter Haines pointed out that on sections of Rte. 2 west of Bethel, particularly dangerous curves are given additional signs warning motorists of the approaching danger.

The first responsibility of any government is public safety, and making the roads as safe as possible is certainly part of that responsibility. It is just common sense.

It is also sensible from a dollars and cents standpoint. It was only a year ago that the Town of Andover had to settle out-of-court for tens of thousands of dollars following the death of a teenager on that town's Main Street. If anyone is killed or seriously injured on Bethel's most notorious curve, it will not take a particularly skillful lawyer to point out that town officials knew about the danger for many years and took no action and that the town was therefore negligent.

But now it looks as if town officials are prepared to take action, and they are to be commended for doing so.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am a 39-year-old inmate at the Indiana State Prison and don't have anyone writing or visiting me. I don't have any family and it seems as though the friends I once had only lasted as long as I could pay the tab.

I have been incarcerated since May of '81. In the last six years I've written to different people, anyone who I felt might remember some bond of friendship. But night after night passes without any response. I've been forgotten, and it hurts.

Quite frankly, this is a terrible place, and seeing other men around me getting letters or visits from friends or loved ones puts me in some sad moods at times. I'm lonely and it would mean a lot to me if I had someone to correspond with.

I am a white male, 5'11", 200 lbs. I have light brown hair and black eyes. I have a mustache and I'm muscularly built. I love playing rhythm guitar, hunting,

fishing and sports. I also play handball and lift weights to help fight stress and tension. I have attended Heating and Air Conditioning school, also Welding school at Ivy Tech since I've been here. I'm also an active member of the Jaycees. I'm not in here for any heinous crime. I had a problem with drugs and I realize my mistake. And I'm trying my best to put my life back in proper perspective.

I hope you can find it in your heart to publish this in your paper, perhaps sparking an interest in someone out there. I regret I cannot afford to pay for this because I only make \$10 a month while working here.

Thank you for any consideration you might be able to give me. If you do publish this, I promise to answer promptly any and all who respond to my plea.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am the wife of Alfred H. Saunders, the man in jail for a crime he did not do, and [who] is unable to be bailed out even for the holidays.

We live in a little town where we met and married. We were building a house as we could with our own hands. Now this house, that was built with our children's help and the love of all, is nothing. It no longer means as much to us without the one behind it all, Alfred H. Saunders.

We have been through so much in the little time that we have been together, and all we wanted was to live as a family in love and peace. But there is injustice being done to us and has been from the start. Now the injustice that is being done is unbearable. I'm watching our children lose faith in the laws and am praying they can make it through this mess.

Every day I wonder if I am going to make it or am slowly going crazy. See I go to see my husband everyday and I'm watching the man I married 19 months ago die, and it is very hard. I think each day that goes by I die a little with him.

There is nothing I can do, just go in and see him through a glass wall with a small hole to talk through, and with all the slamming of the doors for the 10 minutes you are there you don't get to say or hear much. Just watch him fall apart day by day. The contact visit that we have two times a week is sitting across the table and holding hands.

I do hope and pray this mess will be over soon, but until it is, there is one thing our children and I need very much. And we are all hoping and praying that we get this one thing for Christmas. Christmas, the very important day where loved ones, families and friends get together to share in all the happiness that they have. Well we want Alfred. Saunders home with us for Christmas and that is all we ask: for him to be with us on this very important day.

We don't care if he is in chains and cuffs as long as he is here. I have been watching this man cry long enough. I also have been crying, hoping and praying; still nothing has helped. There is so much that has happened to us that you all don't know, but I am in hopes that you will someday. But please if there is someone out there that can make this wish come true for us, please, I beg of you, make it happen. It would make the very best Christmas for four boys and myself, that we could ever ask for.

Also, there is one other thing. I don't believe that things are being handled right for my husband. I feel there is a lot of injustice being done there too. If I could swap my house and 80 acres for my husband's freedom, I would do it today. I think the children need him and I think he needs the children. It is very important they are together. Every day that goes by with them being apart is so very vital to both the children and their father. Please read between the lines. It is very important to all concerned, and we need him home before it is too late. There may be a man we no longer know. He is getting so bad after the four months he has already been there, and we are frightened. The doctor put him on three different medications after he had seen him on or about Dec. 4. Due to this false charge we have lost a great deal, but I don't want him to lose everything, if you know what I mean. Please help us. I could go on and on but I will end with hope and pray this letter will help us. Thank you for listening to what I have said.

Rita M. Saunders and family

No barber shops in Bethel. I never thought it would come to this, but I guess this is progress. Or is it?

We had four shops on Main Street and six barbers working full time, except for a Wednesday afternoon. Today we have a choice of driving 50 miles to a barber shop, or buying a fiddle or a guitar.

I went to Norway last week to a barber shop and at the same time made some inquiries. I was told that there were seven shops in the Norway-Paris area.

And there is Ames Department Store that carries a full line for most people's needs, including shoes and boots.

In Bethel they tell us to shop local. Maybe the local chowder eaters can find some shops when they finish writing jokes for The Bethel Citizen and selling weathersticks.

What about the soothsayers that gathered at the Conference Center Oct. 30? Could they solve this problem? Is it possible to slip the MMA a few dollars and see what they can come up with?

Fredrick McMillan
Mason Street
Bethel

To the Editor:

We are writing to let you know that we must make a decision which amends the Forest Plan for the 783,000-acre White Mountain National Forest. The amendments were made as a result of closing two appeals of the April 1986 Forest Plan. As you know, the appellants were the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association and the Conservation Law Foundation of New England.

Many organizations and individuals have worked very hard throughout the entire planning process to make this Forest Plan a model for public land management. The active participation and the interest of the public are important elements of successful planning. We look forward to working cooperatively with you as we continue to manage the Forest within the framework of the Plan.

Although some changes in the Plan have been made, the basics of the 1986 Plan, including standards and guidelines, and resource outputs, remain unchanged. The goal of the White Mountain National Forest continues to be the provision of multiple benefits including diverse recreation opportunities, quality hardwood sawtimber, wildlife habitat diversity, and watershed protection.

The changes we made involve some unroaded areas which had management area designations that permitted timber harvesting and road construction. These changes involve about 19,500 acres of which 14,500 acres were assigned to new management areas.

The new management area assignments preclude timber harvest and road building for the remaining Plan period; however, the areas will be reconsidered for all uses when the current Plan is revised. Plan revisions are scheduled in 10 years.

Additional changes to the Plan involved reassigning 5,000 acres from Management Area 2.1 and 3.1 to Management Area 6.1. Timber harvest and road construction are not done in Management Area 6.1.

The changes affect portions of Wild River, Kilkenny, Pemigewasset Extension, Kinsman Mountain, Mt. Wolf/Gordon Pond, Elbow Pond, Carr Mountain, and the Great Gulf Extension.

In addition to these management area changes, two other aspects of Forest management are affected.

The Forest Service has agreed to evaluate the Forest Plan wildlife management strategy. The Forest Service will also involve wildlife authorities and a cross section of National Forest users in discussions of wildlife habitat management and monitoring. If needed, modifications to the existing strategy will be considered.

The appeal closings also included the withdrawal of a stay request affecting nearly 50 timber sales. These timber sales can now take place as listed in the Forest Plan.

Copies of the decision document and the accompanying Plan amendments are available for review at the Forest headquarters in Laconia, N.H., and at the Forest Service Ranger Stations in Plymouth, Conway, Bethlehem, and Gorham, N.H., and Bethel.

Michael B. Hathaway
Forest Supervisor
White Mountain National Forest
Laconia, N.H.

To the Editor:
After reviewing the letter to your paper from the Natural Resources Council (Dec. 2, 1987), we would like to submit the following for comment.

When Jerry Bley, of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, tells your readers, through his letter to the editor, that designating 12,000 acres as wilderness in the Caribou-Speckled Mountain lands will have no discernable effect on local wood-using industries, we must strongly disagree and ask what does happen to local wood-using industries when you eliminate 8,000 acres of productive timber?

We, and our competitors, are experiencing severe log shortages. It is necessary to expand our range for raw materials over 100 miles, and there is no relief in sight. How can the removal of 8,000 productive acres not have a serious effect on costs and jobs?

To say that the wood products industry has reversed its position on the Caribou-Speckled Mountain lands is false. The compromise of 12,000 acres was only for identification of a study area. The U.S. Forest Service does not support wilderness designation for the area. Their responsibility has been to identify all areas of National Forest that meet criteria for wilderness, just as they do for wildlife, timber management and recreational uses.

We urge the Congressional delegation not to introduce legislation for further wilderness designation and allow the Forest Service to continue management as soundly as they have done for the last 50 years.

Reg Gilbert, Licensed Forester
Bear Paw Lumber Corp
Fryeburg

Forest Service

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cooperatively with all of our users as we continue to manage the Forest within the framework of the Plan."

Although some changes were made in the 1986 plan, Mr. Hathaway stressed that the basics—including standards and guidelines, and resource outputs—remain unchanged. He reiterated that the role of the White Mountain National Forest is to provide a variety of recreation opportunities, quality hardwood sawtimber, wildlife habitat diversity, and watershed protection. "It is our goal to provide multiple benefits from this National Forest."

The changes made by the Forest Service involve the management objectives within some unroaded areas which had designations that permitted timber harvesting and road construction. The new management area assignments preclude timber harvest and road building for the remaining Plan period; however, the areas will be reconsidered for all uses when the current plan is revised. Plan revisions are scheduled in 10 years.

These changes involve about 19,500 acres, of which 14,500 acres were assigned to the new management areas. Additional changes to the plan involved reassigning 5,000 acres within existing management areas that preclude timber harvest and road construction.

The changes affect portions of areas known as Wild River, Kilkenny, Pemigewasset Extension, Kinsman Mountain, Mt. Wolf/Gordon Pond, Elbow Pond, Carr Mountain, and the Great Gulf Extension.

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Paperworkers hold banquet for stewards

Local 900 of the United Paperworkers International Union, in Rumford, will hold its annual show stewards banquet Dec. 10, at the American Legion Hall, Rumford.

Donald Barker, president of the UPIU local, said, "This banquet is the first since the strike of '86 at the Boise Cascade Rumford mill and usually honors the union's little-known shop stewards for their often difficult work of protecting workers' rights as outlined in the labor contract, and defining safety problems which will stop worker injuries and cut the cost of Workers' Comp."

"This year we will especially honor the S.O.S. Spouses of Solidarity, and others who worked so hard the last year-and-a-half helping Rumford paperworkers displaced by Boise Cascade's burning policy during the strike, which has had such a negative effect on the community."

Mr. Barker added, "Of the 447 displaced by Boise, 83 still have not returned to jobs in the mill. The displaced paperworkers and their families have received invaluable help from the S.O.S. food bank and others to assist them through this very serious social crisis."

Bill Meserve, president of UPIU Local 14, the striking paperworkers' union in Jay, will be the keynote speaker of the evening. Jim Danardo, vice president and regional director of UPIU, and Gary Cook, international representative, will also speak at the banquet.

A social tour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. by the American Legion Auxiliary.

50 years

Reg Gilbert, Licensed Forester
Bear Paw Lumber Corp
Fryeburg

World looks at Bethel through 'N. Y. Times'

The following news report of the Caribou-Speckled wilderness area controversy appeared in the Sunday (Nov. 29, 1987) New York Times. The story was headlined "In Maine, Much Fides on Whether a Forest Is Also Called 'Wilderness'."

From atop Caribou Mountain in western Maine, hikers see the towering peaks of the Presidential Mountain Range sweeping north to south 20 miles in the distance. They see sparkling lakes and huge tracts of forest land.

Now conservationists have asked the Federal Government to protect that view by designating 12,000 acres of land, including Caribou Mountain and its neighbor, Speckled Mountain, a wilderness area within the White Mountain National Forest, thereby banning timber harvesting forever.

But some people here in Bethel, a quaint mountain village that has built its fortune largely on tourism and the wood-products industry, fear that a wilderness designation will hurt not only business but the forest itself.

The United States Forest Service has determined that the Caribou Mountain-Speckled Mountain area is an ideal candidate for protection as a wilderness area because no roads have been built there and the forest has not been harvested recently. In the decades the Forest Service has owned the two mountains, timber cutting and a wide range of recreational uses have been allowed. Trees were cut in the 1930's, the 1950's and, selectively, in the 1960's.

Congressmen Are Undecided

Not one member of Maine's Congressional delegation took a position at a recent public hearing on wilderness designation. The Maine members of Congress will decide within a few months whether to ask Congress for approval.

Leon Favreau, president of a six-month-old organization, the Multiple Use Association, said Maine's forests could be managed equally well for all sorts of uses, for recreation and for timber harvesting alike. The organization is fighting to continue selective harvesting on Caribou and Speckled mountains.

"We're concerned about the health of our forests," said Mr. Favreau, who runs a family-owned business here that manufactures wood pieces for chairs. "The way our forests are in the Northeast, you can't keep them forever wild. It drives out traditional wildlife and overmature trees are susceptible to disease."

Mr. Favreau argues that, if the area is placed off limits to logging, it would ultimately hurt the wood-products industry in western Maine. It would decrease the amount of land available for growing trees and might encourage others to block timber harvesting, he said.

"The Maine That Was"

But Jerry Bley, resource specialist for the Natural Resources Council of Maine, a private, nonprofit conservation group, said Mr. Favreau's concerns were unfounded.

My organization is not against timber harvesting in the national forests or against multiple use of the national forests, but we also believe strongly that wilderness is a part of national forests," he said. "This is a prime opportunity to protect a small piece of Maine's heritage, of the Maine that was."

There are only two other large tracts of land in Maine that could be considered protected as wilderness areas. Baxter State Park near Millinocket and Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge near Caribou. "In the southern half of the state there are no areas that are under protective status," he said. "In the past, it's not been of great concern, but now there's been a dramatic expansion of roads to every corner of the state, large-scale clearcuts have become the norm and there's been an increased use of pesticides and herbicides."

Caribou-Speckled is an increasingly popular area for hiking, camping and hunting. All those activities could continue in the wilderness area.



THEY DON'T LOOK THAT VORACIOUS NOW, but even in late fall these reeds continue to spread their roots out through the sludge in the drying beds at the Bethel Wastewater Treatment Facility. Over the course of the year the reeds will devour over 100,000 gallons of sludge.

Sludge eaters

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Because of the relatively small size of the beds, the reeds cannot handle all of the sludge produced by the facility, but every two weeks 4,000 gallons of sludge are poured into the beds, substantially reducing the total amount that has to be hauled away to the fields.

Surprisingly, the process continues year-round. During the coldest parts of the winter the plants are inactive, but the freezing and thawing that occurs throughout the winter draws off much of the water, and the solids that remain feed the rapid growth of the reeds and microflora in the spring.

More than 20 such installations are now in operation in the northeast, and one—in Burlington, N.J.—handles 900,000 gallons of sludge per year.

The Maine DEP, however, has yet to make up its mind about the process, Mr. Gunderson said.

"They're primarily concerned about the possibility of concentrating heavy metals," he said, but added that in a small, non-industrial system such as Bethel's this was not likely to be a problem.

If the reed treatment process proves successful, Mr. Gunderson said, he hopes to be able to expand the bed system. The contract with Biological Water Purification cost the town \$7,700 and includes not only the initial planting and a replacement planting if the first fails, but also continual consultation and technical assistance.

"And care packages," Mr. Gunderson said, "Last September I went to the post office and picked up a box with thousands of ladybugs from California. Aphids are one of the few pests that the reeds are vulnerable to—and ladybugs love aphids."

Bethel's Living Nativity looking for participants

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staff and the Planning Board by being able to answer developers' questions and by making sure a person going before the board knows what is expected in the way of information.

In other matters Monday night, the board listened to a presentation by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce President John MacMunn and Executive Director Robin Zinchuk. The Chamber is expected to make its annual request for funding from the town, and the Chamber officials were seeking guidance from the board as to what additional services the business group could provide for the town.

Chairman Arlan Jordrey suggested the Chamber might get a list of employees laid off by the closing of Hanover Dowel and get them placed in new jobs.

Then he asked, "What, if anything, is your group doing to establish some eating places in town. It's a disaster [since the closing of the RFD #1]. I wonder if this isn't part of your function."

Town Manager Lynch and Selectman Pat Doon said the Chamber should spend more time pushing economic development.

Mrs. Doon said the area is getting lots of inns and bed and breakfast establishments but these do little to add to the tax base. She said what is needed is industry.

Mr. Jordrey said, "If you people really want to promote Bethel, you'd be on top of the Hanover Dowel thing, you'd be on top of the RFD thing. We just can't afford the loss of two businesses."

The Chamber board of directors will meet Thursday morning at the Casco Bank to discuss how much assistance to ask of the Town of Bethel.

In other matters, responding to an editorial in The Citizen (Dec. 2, 1987), Town Manager Lynch said he has asked an engineer from the Maine Department

of Transportation to look at the curve on the Sunday River Road that has been the scene of numerous accidents in recent years. Mr. Lynch maintained that the cause of the accidents is not the curve itself but speeding by drivers in a hurry to get to the skiway.

Selectman Victor Coolidge termed the cause of the accidents "lack of common sense" on the part of the drivers, and Selectman Arthur Gilbert said, "I've been around that turn and I've never had any problem."

Chairman Jordrey said, "We've asked DOT repeatedly to examine it. It's out of our jurisdiction. The problem's in Augusta. DOT people assured us it was properly designed."

The board confirmed the town manager's appointment of Frank Ward as assistant animal control officer, at no salary.

The board voted to keep rental rates of highway equipment the same as they have been since October 1985, when they were revised sharply upward. Reviewing a survey done by the town manager of rental rates in nearby towns and businesses, the selectmen felt the town's rates were in the ballpark. The rental rates will be reviewed again in 12 months.

At the end of the open meeting, the selectmen voted to go into a closed-door session to discuss possible committee appointments. There are vacancies to be filled on the Budget Committee and the Beautification Committee.

SENIOR CITIZEN MENUS

Monday, Dec. 14: Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, cranberry sauce, broccoli or peas, biscuit, dessert apples.

Tuesday, Dec. 15: Shepherd's pie, waldorf salad, brussel sprouts or cauliflower, hot roll, spice cake with frosting.

Thursday, Dec. 17: Vegetable soup, turkey salad on a bulky roll, cole slaw or lettuce and tomatoes, grapefruit custard pudding.

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Bethel Inn

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symptoms. This strange coincidence—that only members of the two convention parties developed the symptoms—has left Inn officials scratching their heads looking for causes.

What has Nurse Williams wondering is the fact that only 36 among the 160 conventioners became ill. "[Those] people primarily all ate the same things," she said. "Nothing is standing out [as unusual]."

Nevertheless she is continuing to check further and is currently interviewing all those who reported getting ill. She said it could take a few months before she can write a final report on the mystery.

In any case, she said, the food handling procedures in place now at the Inn's kitchen ensure that the food is "as good as it can be."

That is good news to Inn officials. "With all the Christmas parties and everything else, we're ready," said Mr. Rasor.

Newry officials to meet on fire department plans

Newry Board of Selectmen have scheduled a meeting Dec. 16 with the committees exploring the various aspects of establishing a fire department for the town.

Fire Chief Virgil Conkright requested the meeting at Tuesday's regular selectmen's meeting. The selectmen and Mr. Conkright hope to be able to use the meeting to finalize proposals to submit to Newry voters at annual Town Meeting.

Planning Board member Mike Leach also appeared at Tuesday's meeting to ask whether the town's liability insurance covered Planning Board members. The selectmen reviewed the policy and told him they believed the Planning Board to be covered.

The selectmen also approved a liquor license application from Sunday River. Town Clerk June Swan told the selectmen that new dog licenses were in and that all current licenses should be renewed by Jan. 1. An additional fee will be charged for all licenses not paid for by April 1.

Hunting and fishing licenses for 1988 are also in, Mrs. Swan told the selectmen. It was also noted at the meeting that all property taxes not paid by Jan. 1 would be listed in the town report for 1987.

A new sign has been hung on the Newry town office identifying it as the "Raymond C. Foster Municipal Building."

ELEANOR GORDON GUILD

The Eleanor Gordon Guild met Dec. 1 at the home of Marjorie Butters for their Christmas party.

There were 14 members and one guest present. Barbara Mahler had devotions. A delicious potluck dinner was served. A short meeting was held and plans for next year were discussed.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed, with gifts revealing the names of their secret sisters. New names for 1988 were drawn. The next meeting will be Jan. 18, at the home of Ethel Ward, with Evelyn Reed as co-hostess. Mary Doon will have devotions and games will be the program.

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Anti-powerline groups will keep fighting CMP plan

Last week's "scoping" sessions held by the U.S. Department of Energy on Central Maine Power Company's proposed Hydro-Quebec power purchase drew small crowds, but project opponents are undeterred. A plan to press ahead on a number of fronts in their efforts to defeat the plan.

The Economic Regulatory Administration of the DOE called last week's meetings—which were held in Rangeley, Mexico, Lewiston and Augusta—in order to solicit input on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will be prepared for the project.

The meetings are one step in a process that could lead to the DOE granting a Presidential Permit for the transmission lines needed to import and distribute the Hydro-Quebec power.

According to a draft environmental impact statement implementation plan for the project, prepared for the DOE by the Argonne National Laboratory, an EIS is required because the DOE "has determined that issuance of a permit for the HVDC Transmission Tie to Hydro-Quebec would be a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment."

Members of No Thank Q Hydro-Quebec and, other area residents attending last week's meeting at the Mexico High School, appeared convinced, however, that their own input into the EIS would have far less effect than that of the industry consultants who would be preparing the technical drafts of the statement.

The industry's extensive involvement in the regulatory process "is like leaving the fox in charge of the chicken coop," said Conrad Heenschen, of Dixfield, a leader of the No Thank Q group.

"People are intimidated by the process," Heenschen said. He also said that he had spoken with a number of people who were concerned about the project but who did not feel comfortable speaking out at a public meeting.

Heenschen also pointed out that no request for a Presidential Permit has yet been denied, a fact that would not tend to encourage participation.

Nonetheless, seven speakers did use the occasion to express concerns regarding such matters as the safety of the herbicides used for the projects, the possible health effects associated with high power transmission lines, various effects on wildlife and of the recreational and aesthetic impact of the 70- to 130-foot high towers that CMP proposes to string out, six to the mile, for the 92-mile length of the transmission line.

Speakers also expressed cynicism regarding the objectivity of reports, often underwritten by the power industry, which conclude that the health effects of herbicides or of living in close proximity to power transmission lines were negligible.

Tom Beauchesne, of Frye, compared such analyses to the U.S. military's assuring soldiers that they had nothing to fear from Agent Orange. It just isn't

DECORATING CONTEST NEARS

Remember to call the Chamber of Commerce office, 824-2282, if you would like to enter the holiday decorating contest. Four lucky winners will be picked—two businesses and two residences—to win a mystery dinner. Judging will be Friday, Dec. 18, between 5 and 8 p.m.

worth the risk, Mr. Beauchesne argued, especially when half the power brought in on the lines is destined for out-of-state users.

Following the meeting, Mr. Heenschen urged anyone opposed to the Hydro-Quebec project to write to the DOE, which will accept written comments on the project until Jan. 12, 1988. (Letters should be addressed to: Anthony Como, Economic Regulatory Administration, U.S. Dept. of Energy, Forrestal Bldg., Room GA093 CRG-22, 1000 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20585.)

A tentative schedule for the preparation of DOE's EIS calls for a draft to be completed by January 1989, and a final version to be released in April of that year.

While it had not abandoned hope of influencing the DOE's permit process, Mr. Heenschen said, No Thank Q Hydro-Quebec intends to direct its efforts at convincing the state Public Utilities Commission and Department of Environmental Protection to reject the project.

Beginning next month and running through May, the PUC will hold a number of separate hearings on the "Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity" required for the project. The hearings will focus on the project's economic impacts and alternatives.

Mr. Heenschen said he expects the project's opponents, including No Thank Q Hydro-Quebec, to pursue two main lines of economic arguments. The Natural Resources Council of Maine is prepared to argue that much, if not all, of the energy CMP says it will require in the future, can be made up by conservation, while many other individuals and groups will argue that co-generation and small-power plants can produce enough reliable power to meet the state's needs.

In Mr. Heenschen's view, the reasoning behind either of these arguments is sufficient to scuttle the project, and since they are complementary rather than mutually exclusive approaches to meeting Maine's power needs, they should convince the PUC to refuse to grant a certificate for it.

Later in the spring, the DEP will begin hearings on the project. While these hearings will explore the full range of possible environmental impacts, Mr. Heenschen said, No Thank Q Hydro-Quebec intends to direct much of its efforts at questioning the objectivity of the reports attesting to the benign environmental impact of high voltage transmission lines and to demonstrating that there is an accumulating body of evidence and scientific opinion pointing to significant environmental hazards associated with them.

No Thank Q Hydro-Quebec has also begun publishing a newsletter, "The No Thank Q Review." Subscriptions can be obtained by writing to Star Route Box 2205, Dryden, Me 04225.

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BETSY RAYMOND AND NANCY HANSEN, co-chairwomen of the Congregational Church's Fair Committee, organized last Saturday's well-attended Christmas Fair and Tea.

(Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

East Bethel

By MYRA FOSTER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curtis and Kyle entertained the following at Thanksgiving dinner: Mr. Herman LeBlanc, of Rumford; Mr. and Lyle Durrell, of West Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Helms and children, Clarence and Carl, of Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tedford and son, Shawn, of Rhode Island and Bird Hill; Gideon Dorman, of Bethel; Brian Edwards, of Richmond, R.I.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haines entertained at Thanksgiving dinner: Mrs. Floribel Haines, Fred Haines, Kelly Welles, Charles Haines, Jr.; Bernice Haines, of Berlin, N.H.; Scott Haines and Miss Nancy Lincoln. Scott Haines was home from his studies at Hesser College, in Manchester, N.H., for the holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gamble, of Hanover, N.H.; Mr. and Mrs. David Dolke of Marlboro, Mass., were weekend guests through Thanksgiving of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings. Then on Thanksgiving Day Mr. and Mrs. George Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. David Dolke; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Baneroff, on Paris Hill.

Clayton Bartlett, of Kennebunk, was a recent guest at the Bartlett Homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Andre Bernier entertained at Thanksgiving dinner Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kimball; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimball and James; Mrs. Ruby Colledge; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Tuominen of Yarmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Pelletier and children Chad, Heidi, and Jody, of Manchester, N.H.; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Libby; Mrs. Grace Gibson and Tinker and friend, Dick of Massachusetts; Jarrod Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimball and Jimmy; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Libby; Mrs. Grace Gibson and Tinker, Jarrod Crockett and George Crockett visited Miss Esther Crockett Nov. 28.

Mrs. Josephine Tyler and Chris, of Dixfield, entertained at a family Thanksgiving dinner the following: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stearns, of Rumford Corner; Mr. and Mrs. John Foster and David; Miss Denise Foster, of Andover; Daryl Tyler and friend, Stella, of West, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Westleigh and Eric, of Rumford Corner; and Mrs. Myra Foster. Mrs. Clara Hamlin, of South Waterford, visited me on Nov. 28 and then visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stearns. Mrs. Stearns was here early on that day and brought me some grapefruit and oranges. Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, of



POLLY SHATNEY AND EDNA FALLON ENJOYED A CUP OF TEA at the West Parish Congregational Church's Christmas Fair last Saturday.

(Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

NEWS FROM THE BETHEL AREA

Health Center

The Bethel Area Health Center staff is beginning to get the Christmas spirit and would like to do something for the children in the community.

Again this year, we have a care bear who is looking for a home, so we've decided to have another drawing. The lucky winner will be able to take the bear home. We've temporarily named the cuddly animal Crybaby Bear, because of being homeless. On Dec. 19 he will be renamed, of course, by his/her new owner.

The drawing will be held Dec. 19. All the child has to do is fill out a slip of paper and place it in our box in the health center waiting room. Of course, parents can do the honors if the child is too young to write. All children are encouraged to enter; they need not be a patient of the Health Center.

Please don't let our Crybaby Bear enter the new year as an orphan. Let's find it a home.

Andover, was here a week ago Sunday. Richard Stearns took Albert Foster to the new store in Locke Hills a week ago Monday. Albert Foster and Jack Chappelle took several loads of firewood to Jack Chappelle's house Dec. 2.

Rotary Club notes

Speaking before the Bethel Rotary Club Tuesday, at the weekly meeting at Martha's Restaurant, was Meredith Elcome, head of the Maine Handicapped Skiing program at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Ms. Elcome, a physical therapist who works half the year at a Portland hospital and half the year at Sunday River, told the Rotarians that learning to ski is excellent therapy for handicapped individuals since it is often easier for them to succeed at skiing than at tasks such as walking.

For one thing, she said, skiing doesn't involve having to lift the feet—the skis just glide. For another, gravity helps the skier, so less energy and coordination is necessary to keep moving.

And, said the therapist, "They feel better about themselves because of the skills they learned skiing [and] it carries over into their schoolwork." Plus, she said, ski therapy is fun, as opposed to the more mundane forms of physical therapy, and it's something to do during the long winter. "In the winter, oftentimes they're stuck inside... [so] it means a lot to them."

The program is funded through dona-

tions, particularly through the annual Ski-a-Thon, and through contributions of skis, lift tickets, snowmobiles and four-wheel drive vehicles from the skiway.

Ms. Elcome said this is the sixth year for the program, which was started by an orthopedist in Portland, who patterned the local program after a similar program out west. Last year the local program served 80 students—57 of them on a regular weekly basis.

The program runs for 10 weeks, from January to March, Ms. Elcome said, and, "The program is growing."

As word of the program spreads, students are coming from near and far. Now what is needed is more volunteer teachers and volunteer snowmobile drivers. There's no pay, but there are free lift tickets. If interested, you can contact Ms. Elcome through the Sunday River Ski Resort switchboard, 824-2187.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank our children and families, and Coburn's Flower Shop, for the good time we had at Town & Country on our 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Merrill

Newry

By AMY HANSCOM

The Community Christmas Tree was set up Sunday, Nov. 29. It was donated by Francis "Hi" Berry and lighted by Lee Swan, Bradley Wight, Elaine Bonica, Nancy Wight and Mandy Berry. Nancy Wight read the poem, "The Night Before Christmas." Santa was there giving out candy canes. Members of the Mothers Club and Wendy Valleys Snowmobile Club furnished refreshments at the Bonica's.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bachelder were hosts at a late Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bachelder and family, Brent Bachelder and Terry O'Dowd, Providence, R.I.; Gilberto Seeley and Edward Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bachelder and family, Brent Bachelder and Terry O'Dowd remained for a visit.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wight were Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Littlehale and family, Ryan Pond, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Wight and family, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Berry and family, Newry.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Baker and family were Thanksgiving Day guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cummings, Jr., Bethel.

Thelma Lowery, Betsy Clark, Karlene

Tree lighting this Thursday in Locke Mills

Thursday evening, Dec. 10, at 6:30 is the date and time for the Christmas tree lighting in Locke Mills village.

The Youth Fellowship from the Locke Mills Union Church will be leading carols, and Santa will be there to greet the children with Christmas goodies. All are invited to come and kick off the holiday season. The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with the people of Locke Mills to sponsor this community event.

Bachelder, June Swan, Gilberto Seeley, Eleanor Davis, Beatrice Lowell, Olive Anderson were in Rumford bowling Dec. 2. There was a scramble for high score on triple string. Thelma beat Karlene by one point. Karlene beat Betsy by one point. Betsy beat Gilberto by one point. Betsy was high on single. After bowling the ladies had lunch and went shopping. Rena Powers was a guest.

Gregory and Robin Fraser are parents of a baby daughter, born Nov. 14, in Rumford. She has been named Naomi Lavena. Lavena is Robin's grandmother's name. The grandmother is 103 years young.

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(4)	New Robinson	Brain Cinema	Commodities	Animal W	Refuge	Automated	Outdoors			
(5)	Remington Steele	Hill Town	700 Club	Talk	Outdoors	Remington Steele				
(6)	Family Ties	Cheers	Cosby	Diff. W.	Cheers	Night Court	L.A. Law	News	Tonight	
(7)	Newlywed	Dating	TEAM USA HOCKEY: USA VS USSR				B. Miller	News	Nightline	
(8)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Movie: "Thief of Hearts"				Next President	Too Close	Late Show	
(9)	MacNeil/Lehrer	Holiday Entertaining	Movie: "Get Out Your Handkerchiefs"					Sandbaggers		
(10)	Family	Lady Blue	Movie: "Gidget's Summer Reunion"					Way Off Broadway		
(11)	Be a Star	Fandango	Nashville Now			New Country	Videoconity	Be a Star	Nashville	
(12)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Tour of Duty		Simon & Simon	Bronx Zoo	News	Night Heat		
(13)	Cheers	INN News	Movie: "Christmas Coal Mine Miracle"				INN News	H'mooner		
(14)	Movie: "Foreign Body"							Movie: "That's Life"		
(15)	Bruins	NHL Hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Boston Bruins					Fishing	Sportfishing	NHL	
(16)	College Basketball: St. Joseph's at Temple				College Basketball: Oklahoma at Florida State		SpeedWeek	SportsCtr.		
(17)	A. Griffith	Sanford	Movie: "Something Big"				1987 Nobel Peace Prize Awards			
(18)	Can't TV	Mr. Wizard	Car 54	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Laugh In	Monkees	Sothern	I Spy
(19)	Airwolf	Riptide	WWF Prime Time Wrestling					Airwolf		
(20)	Rockline	Buffalo Bill	Anne Frank	The Legend	Xmas Westmin.		Treble	La Belle Epoque		
(21)	Movie: "The Caine Mutiny"							Movie: "One More Saturday Night"	Lost	Inside the NFL
(22)	Mr. Ross's	Mouselerpi	Walt Disney					Ozzie	On Double	
(23)	Pyramid	NHL Hockey: New York Rangers at Philadelphia Flyers						Simon & Simon		
(24)	Cheers	B. Miller	Movie: "The Other Side of the Mountain Part II"				News	INN News	Jeffersons	Magnum

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 11, 1987

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Intruders	Insect Life	Automated	India	Moghuls		Wild Nation	Perspective	Jazz	
(5)	Remington Steele	Paper Chase	700 Club	Talk	Last	Remington Steele				
(6)	Family Ties	Cheers	NewsCenter: Margaret		Miami Vice	Private Eye	News	Tonight		
(7)	Newlywed	Dating	Full House	Dora	Belvedere	Pursuit	20/20	News	Nightline	
(8)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Movie: "Porky's Revenge"				Rockford Files	Too Close	W. North	
(9)	MacNeil/Lehrer	Wash. Wk.	Walt St. Wk.	Mainwatch			Mystery!	Frsh Fields	Neighbors	
(10)	Family	Lady Blue	Movie: "I Dream of Jeannie: 15 Years Later"					Way Off Broadway		
(11)	Be a Star	Fandango	Nashville Now			New Country	Videoconity	Be a Star	Nashville	
(12)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Ch. Brown	The Grinch	Dallas	Falcon Crest	News	Top of the		
(13)	Cheers	INN News	March of the Wooden Soldiers		TBA	Billy Graham Crusade	INN News	H'mooner		
(14)	The Mouse that Roared	Movie: "Three Amigos"						Movie: "The Morning After"		
(15)	Sp. Quest	AHL Hockey: Hershey Bears at Maine Mariners					Scuba	Divers	Candlepin Bowling	
(16)	SportsCtr.	PGA Seniors Golf: Kaanapali Championship First Round					SpeedWeek Special	Tractor Pull	Spts Ctr	
(17)	A. Griffith	Sanford	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics				H's Heroes	Night Tracks		
(18)	Can't TV	Mr. Wizard	Car 54	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Laugh In	Monkees	Sothern	I Spy
(19)	Airwolf	Riptide	Movie: "Yeti"							
(20)	Rockline	Buffalo Bill	Experience Preferred			At Improv	Shortstones	Alias Smith	Montreux	
(21)	Inside the NFL	Movie: "Heartbreak Ridge"						Movie: "Iron Eagle"		
(22)	Anne of Avonlea	Anne of Avonlea	Movie: "Somewhere Tomorrow"					Danger Bay	Ozzie	The
(23)	Pyramid	B. Miller	Evening	Entertain	Morton Downey Jr.	News		Simon & Simon		
(24)	Cheers	Bozo	Movie: "Rescue From Gilligan's Island"				News	INN News	Jeffersons	Magnum

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 12, 1987

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Tour De	Cowboy Up	Questors	On Earth	Nature of Things	S. Herders	Victorian	New	Robinson	
(5)	Campbell's	Butterfly	Movie: "Well of Love"			Spirit	Paper Chase	Arkerberg	Zola Levitt	
(6)	Star Trek	Facts of Life	227	Golden	Amen	Hunter	News	Sat Night		
(7)	Star Search	Chara	Sable			Hotel		Throb		
(8)	Mattelhead	The Sheriff	President	In Prison	B. Baxter	"Chance"	Friday the 13th Series	Movie: "Thief of Hearts"		
(9)	DeGrassi	Wild Amer	WonderWorks	Doctor Who			Ext 13	Mother	Catherine	
(10)	Previews	Movie: "Sketches of a Strangler"					Way Off Broadway	Our Group	Lady Blue	
(11)	Kitchen	Wk Music	Backstage	Grand Opry	Tommy Hunter		Kitchen	Countrysips	Wk Music	
(12)	Holiday Video Gift Guide	Movie: "Mrs. Delaford Wants to Marry"				West 57th		News	L'Estylen	
(13)	Carkide	Charles	Movie: "The Belts of St. Marys"				INN News	Starway to Heaven		
(14)	Anatomy of a Murder	Movie: "Psycho III"						Movie: "Carp"		
(15)	College Hockey: New Hampshire vs Lowell						NHL Hockey: Buffalo Sabres at Boston Bruins			
(16)	Calif Bowl	College Basketball: Missouri at Memphis State					College Basketball: Nevada-Las Vegas at Houston	Sports		
(17)	Championship Wrestling	Movie: "The Savage"					Cousteau Amazon	Night Tracks		
(18)	Rated K	Bears	Laugh In	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	I Spy	Monkees		
(19)	New Mike Hammer	Movie: "Mako: The Jaws of Death"					Hitchcock	Theater	Movie: "Red House"	
(20)	Golden Age	Associates	World War I	Bel Wars	Birds of the World		Built on the Landscape	Good Cafe	Golden Age	
(21)	The Buddy Holly Story	Movie: "The Color Purple"						Whoozy Goldberg		
(22)	One Magic Christmas	Walt Disney Xmas Spcl	Movie: "The Grone-Mobile"				College B	Movie: "Roxie Hart"		
(23)	It's a Living	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Detroit Pistons					News	Dr. Eder	Mama's	Berry H.J.
(24)	It's a Living	Mama	Movie: "The Fortune"				News	INN News	H's Heroes	The Boat

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 13, 1987

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Something to Celebrate	Christians	Conquest				MIA: Missing in America	Disappearing World		
(5)	Crossbow	Frontier	Paper Chase	In Touch			Ben Haden	Rock Awe	Ed Young	
(6)	Tis the	Mouse	Family Ties	Movie: "Father Clements Story"				News	Sports	
(7)	Movie: "Christmas Star"						Buck James		NCTV Hour	
(8)	21 Jump Street	Werewolf	Children	T. Ullman	Duet	Hardcastle	Monitor	At Movies		
(9)	Upstairs, Downstairs	Nature	Masterpiece Theatre	Sandbaggers			Butterflies	Dining		
(10)	AMA Video Clinic	Physicians' Jnl	Cardiology	Medicine	Ob Gyn	Milestones	Update	Medicine		
(11)	Sports Mag	Racing	Auto	Heroes	Wish	Perform	Motoworld	Rodeo	Outdoors	
(12)	60 Minutes	Murder	She Wrote	Movie: "Foxfire"					Comedy	
(13)	"This Park is Mine"	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Search				Rich & Famous	INN News	H'mooner	
(14)	Movie: "Back to the Future"						Close Encounters of the Third Kind	The Special Edition	Wanted	
(15)	Golf: Tucker Anthony	College Basketball: Massachusetts at Northeastern					WWF Wrestling	Fishing	Outdoors	
(16)	NFL Prime Time	NFL Football: Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks						SportsCenter Sunday		
(17)	Movie: "The Fastest Gun Alive"					National Geographic Explorer		Page	J. Falwell	
(18)	Movies	Smother's	Golden Age of Television				I Spy	Smother's	Monkees	
(19)	Riptide	New Mike Hammer	Cover Story	Hollywood	Robert Klein Time		Your Skin	Wit Loss		
(20)	Divided Union	Buffalo Bill	Minister	Linda Ronstadt	Santa Claus			Evening at the Improv		
(21)	Movie: "SpaceCamp"							Alan Klig		
(22)	Movie: "Homestretch"									
(23)	Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"	Cont'd								
(24)	Movie: "Amadeus"	Cont'd								

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 14, 1987

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Spirit of Asia	Magnificent	True	Heart of the Dragon	Game	Wildlife	Nature	India		
(5)	Remington Steele	Father Murphy	700 Club	Talk	Ed's Fath'r	Remington Steele				
(6)	Family Ties	Cheers	ALF	J.J. Starbuck	Secrets/Wom.	News	Tonight			
(7)	Newlywed	Dating	MacGyver	NFL Football: Chicago Bears at San Francisco 49ers						
(8)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Movie: "The Man in the Santa Claus Suit"			World Vision	Too Close	W. North		
(9)	MacNeil/Lehrer	First Among Equals	Exit 13	Video	Frontline		Frontline			
(10)	Family	Lady Blue	Movie: "Murder Sees the Light"				Cover-Up			
(11)	Be a Star	Fandango	Nashville Now			Superstars at Home	Videoconity	Be a Star	Nashville	
(12)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Kate & Allie	Frank's Pl.	Newhart	D. Women	Cagney & Lacey	News	Hunter	
(13)	Cheers	INN News	Hill Street Blues					INN News	H'mooner	
(14)	"Yankee Doodle Dandy"	Movie: "The Boy Who Could Fly"				Movie: "Three Amigos"				
(15)	Racing: Oakwood Homes 500		Champions: World's Greatest Athletes			Golf: Tucker Anthony	Scuba	Hockey		
(16)	SportsCtr.	NFL	NFL	Rodeo	PRCA National Finals			Tractor Pull	SportsCtr.	
(17)	A. Griffith	Sanford	Movie: "Butterfield 8"				Movie: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"			
(18)	Can't TV	Mr. Wizard	Car 54	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Laugh In	Monkees	Sothern	I Spy
(19)	Airwolf	Riptide	WWF Prime Time Wrestling					Airwolf		
(20)	Rockline	Buffalo Bill	Movie: "The Big Steal"			At Improv	Brat Farrar	Vietnam	20th Cent	
(21)	Daily	Fraggle	Movie: "The Money Pit"			Spalding Gray: Terrors	Movie: "The Malibu Bikini Shop"			
(22)	"The Haunted School"	Picka	Here's	Movie: "Two of a Kind"				Missing	My Sid Mt	
(23)	Pyramid	B. Miller	Evening	Entertain	Morton Downey Jr.	News		Simon & Simon		
(24)	Cheers	B. Miller	Movie: "Sunshine Christmas"				News	INN News	Jeffersons	Magnum

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 15, 1987

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Disappearing World	Nature	Outdoors	Royal Fam	North	Animals	This Land	High Tech	Cinema	
(5)	Remington Steele	Crossbow	Butterfly	700 Club	Talk	Chels	Remington Steele			
(6)	Family Ties	Cheers	Mallock	J.J. Starbuck	Crime Story	News	Carson			
(7)	Smithsonian Treasures	Whos Boss	Growing	Moonlighting	Thirtysomething	News	Nightline			
(8)	M*A*S*H	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Washington Bullets				St. Jude's Hospital	Too Close	W. North		
(9)	MacNeil/Lehrer	Nova	Frontline				McLaughlin	One/One		
(10)	Family	Lady Blue	Movie: "T.R. Baskin"					Cover-Up		
(11)	Be a Star	Fandango	Nashville Now			Superstars at Home	Videoconity	Be a Star	Nashville	
(12)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Red-Nosed Reindeer			Circus of the Stars		News	Diamonds	
(13)	Cheers	INN News	Hill Street Blues			Movie: "Yentl"		INN News	H'mooner	
(14)	Movie: "Foul Play"					Movie: "Wildcats"		Movie: "Dollars"		
(15)	Big Ten	Sp. Quest	WWF Wrestling: From Boston Garden			Hockey	WWF Wrestling	Basketball		
(16)	SportsCtr.	NHL Hockey: Teams to Be Announced					Pursuit of Excellence	SportsCtr		
(17)	A. Griffith	Sanford	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Detroit Pistons				Movie: "Apache Uprising"			
(18)	Can't TV	Mr. Wizard	Car 54	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Laugh In	Monkees	Sothern	I Spy
(19)	Airwolf	Riptide	Movie: "The Junior America"							
(20)	Rockline	Buffalo Bill	Associates	Good Time	Season's Greetings				Golden Age	
(21)	Boxing	Knockout	Movie: "The Color Purple"							
(22)	The Christmas Visitor	Skyward Christmas	Movie: "On the Double"					Ozzie	Homstich	
(23)	Pyramid	B. Miller	Evening	Entertain	Morton Downey Jr.	News		Simon & Simon		
(24)	Cheers	B. Miller	Movie: "The Bishop's Wife"				News	INN News	Jeffersons	Magnum

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 16, 1987

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(4)	Living Issues	Stranding	Perspective	River Town	Kabuki	China	Profiles of Nature		Magnificent	True
(5)	Remington Steele		Honeydew	Fraser	700 Club		Talk	Snapshots	Remington Steele	
(6)	Family Ties	Cheers	Family Ties	Valerie's	Year in the Life		St. Elsewhere		News	Tonight!
(8)	Newlywed	Dating	Muppet Chr.		Lisa Andrews		Christmas Memory		News	Nightline
(9)	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Movie	Miracle on 34th Street			World Vision		Too Close	W. North
(10)	MacNeil/Lehrer		Mark	Cherpa	Movers	God and			Castle	Manor Born
(11)	Family		Lady Blue		Movie	She's in the Army Now				Cover-Up
(12)	Be a Star	Fandango	Nashville Now			New Country		Videoconity	Be a Star	Nashville
(13)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Oldest Rookie			Carla's Camera		Equalizer	News	Adderly
(16C)	Cheers	INN News	Hill Street Blues			Movie	Return of a Man Called Horse		INN News	H'mooner
(18E)	80 Steps to Jonah		Close Encounters	Special Ed			Movie	Gorky Park		
(20G)	College Hockey USA						Tennis		To Be Announced	
(21H)	SportsCtr	College Basketball	Ohio State at Florida			Final Four	Boxing	CISM Championships		SportsCtr
(22J)	A. Griffith	Sanford	Movie	A Christmas Story			Movie	The Wrecking Crew		
(24K)	Can't TV	Mr. Wizard	Car 54	Mister Ed	My 3 Sons	D. Reed	Laugh In	Monkees	Sothern	I Spy
(26M)	Airwolf		Riptide		Movie	Samson and Deliah			Airwolf	
(27N)	Birds of the World		Air Power	20th Cent	Living Dangerously		M. Sencak & Trunks		Evening at the Improv	
(29P)	Solarbabes	Cont'd	Movie	Playing for Keeps			1st & Ten	1st & Ten	Brighton Beach Memor	
(31R)	Nutcracker	Wonderland	Edison	Danger Bay	Movie	Pym's Adventure			Gizmo	Nada
(32S)	Pyramid	B. M. Jr.	Evening	Emmettan	Morton Downey Jr		News		Simon & Simon	
(34U)	Cheers	B. M. Jr.	Twil Zone	Twil Zone	Twil Zone	College Basketball	DePaul vs. Weber State			News



AT THE GREENWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT'S CRAFT SALE last Saturday, Rose Hutchins, of Hanover, was one of the many people offering their works for sale. (Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

Andover

By MARJORIE JODREY

Mrs. Marie Lang and Dorothy entertained Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Deans Jr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson, Kim Deans and Ray Learned for dinner on Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Laura Doleff and daughter Ann spent the Thanksgiving weekend as guests of her mother, Mrs. James Doleff in Green Harbor, Mass.

Mrs. Helena Goodwin entertained at her home in East Andover for Thanksgiving dinner family and friends. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Butch Carey and sons, Erwin and Eddie, Mexico; Wilbur Deroche of Rumford; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray and son, Matthew, of So. Rumford; Mr. and Mrs. Noel Brown and daughters, Tammy and Wanda, of East Wilton, and Mike Gould, of Rumford Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Farrington were in Portland on Monday, Nov. 30, where Freeman was selected as one to serve on the United States District Court in Portland for the next six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Farrington entertained for Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Davis and daughters, Amanda and Erica, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Farrington and sons, James and Andrew Mark Farrington, Mr. Elizabeth Sennett and Mrs. Charlotte Hayes, of Waldboro, and Mrs. Scott Farrington were Thanksgiving dinner guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pearce and her mother, Mrs. Marie Haley, in Rumford Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester White entertained Mr. and Mrs. Danny White and children, Barlow, Cory and Jenny, of Livestock, for Thanksgiving dinner, and in the evening they were all guests of Mr. and Mrs. David White for birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate David and Danny's 40th birthday.

Mrs. Peter Poir and Peter II and Mrs. Mark Farrington and family have spent a week in Florida with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hayes. Allen was scheduled for hip surgery but it had to be postponed because he has an eye infection. While there they celebrated Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mrs. Poir stayed with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Archer Poir.

Reverend Marquette Clark, of the First Congregational Church of Andover, had his sermon topic on Nov. 29, in Praise of Unlikely Apostles. Youth group met at 6 p.m. Thursday. Adult choir practice at 8 p.m. Next Sunday the second Sunday of Advent an IV program.

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE R. DAVIS

Mrs. Miriam Morgan entertained the relatives Thanksgiving night. Many were busy at Ledgeview during the noon hour caring for the patients there making special dinner for the patients there to make them happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mason entertained the following Thanksgiving day at their home, West Paris. Calvin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mason, Rosanne Carruthers and family, Dr. Roderick Carruthers of Stoneham, Mass., Steven Mason and friend, So. Paris, Mr. and Mrs. James Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mason Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Roni Grover and little Roni, Burl and Pete Christoph, daughter Bonnie, So. Lancaster, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mason, Heather and Tim, also from So. Lancaster, Mass., Jerold Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Don Maston Jr.

Monday was what you could call a rainy day. It helped remove the snow cover a lot and cleared the ice off the roads while it was warm.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goldsmith called on Olive Davis Friday night. They brought me some of their Thanksgiving dinner, which lasted me three days. It was delicious. They all had planned to come over after the Thursday but because of the weather we decided it was not time to travel icy roads. It would have been 120 miles about as they would have brought me home afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gleason's daughter Muriel and family enjoyed Thanksgiving together.

Esther Davis took Olive Davis and Edith Deegan to Lewiston last Monday, on business.

Graduate courses more accessible to teachers

The University of Maine's newest mobile outreach program will offer accessible graduate study and professional development opportunities to educators in sections of Oxford, Franklin and Androscoggin counties.

The Western Maine Center for Educational Excellence, a collaborative effort between the UM College of Education and participating school districts, will get underway in March. Courses leading toward a master's degree in education will be taught by university faculty who will travel to classes held at locations and times convenient to most students.

Other graduate programs and staff development courses may be scheduled based on the results of a teacher interest survey currently being circulated, according to Robert A. Cobb, dean of the UM College of Education.

"We see the program as a direct link to school improvement," Cobb said. Participating systems in the western center presently include School Administrative Districts 9, 17, 21, 26, 30, 44, 52 and 58; Unions 23 and 25; and Peru. Additional schools in the region may join the program in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bihlmeyer of Somersville, Conn., spent the holiday weekend visiting her grandparents, Mrs. Beatrice Dresser and Howard Glover and other relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams, of Fitchburg, Mass., spent the holiday weekend at the "Log Cabin" in East Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Diment and children, of Rumford, entertained their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Messner and Gary for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Orville Messner took her father, Howard Glover, to Lewiston on Friday to see his doctor.

Sgt. Timothy Hall is spending some

time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, from his army duty in Italy. He will return to Italy on Dec. 9.

Mrs. Darlene Hall was called to Pittsburgh, Pa., on Dec. 2 because her daughter Tamara was a surgical patient there.

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WENDY FAULKINGHAM AND BARBARA MOSHER were in charge of the S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Drivers) booth at the Holly Fair at Telstar last Saturday. They sold honey and crafts. (Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

East Stoneham

By GLADYS KILGORE

Juanita Past Chiefs Club met at the home of Mertice Barker Dec. 1 for their Christmas meeting. Inez Barker served as assistant hostess.

Ten members were present for a noon meal prepared by the hostess, assisted by club members.

President Phyllis Millett presided at the business meeting and two new members were received into the club. Lucy Brown and Dorothy McGray a welcome addition to our group.

Members elected for 1988 officers were Pres. Phyllis Millett, V. Pres. Arlene Merrill, Chap. Sarah Grover, Marshal, Violet Doughty, Fruit-Floral, Arlene Merrill, Violet Doughty, Inez Barker, Sentinel, Dorothy McGray, Secretary, Hilfred Safford, Treas. Mertice Barker, Press Corp. Sarah Grover, Visiting, Hilfred Safford, Arlene Merrill, Phyllis Millett.

The mystery package went to Violet Doughty, door prize to Mertice Barker, hostess gifts to Elizabeth Stearns.

The club will deliver nine Christmas boxes to local shut-in residents.

No meeting of club during January and February. Will meet at Mertice Barker's for our March meeting, 1988.

The friendly Senior Citizens Club attended the Christmas Banquet at Punkin Valley Wednesday. Several from here joined them.

Mrs. Gertrude Yemma remains in the hospital at Bridgton. She hopes to be home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barker have gone to Florida for the winter months.

Mrs. Eleanor Nelson has returned to her work in Norway after being home a few days with a bad cold.

Mrs. Kate Flynn and Mrs. Grace Nelson visited Mrs. Gertrude Yemma and Mrs. Erika Trimbach at the Cum. Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. Frances Grant worked one day

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Christmas tree lighting in Bryant Pond Dec. 16

This year Bryant Pond's third annual Christmas Tree Lighting festivity, set for Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:15 on the common, will be a cooperative effort involving numerous persons from many segments of the community.

Town Manager Kathleen Mersereau has arranged for electric power with CMP; Chamber of Commerce members will string the many sets of lights; teachers and students at the Woodstock School will again hang their one-of-a-kind hand-crafted ornaments on the tree; and the school's parent group will assist with some costume needs.

For the third year in a row, Dan Reavis of the Village Store will donate a supply of goodies for Santa to hand out to his many young friends, and local musicians Richard Felt, Elden Hathaway, and Ernestine and Bill Riley will again provide accompaniment for a holiday music sing-along.

Moments after the tree lights are turned on, Santa will make his spectacular arrival in a most unusual combination of conveyances, thanks to the efforts of several local businessmen.

All residents are cordially invited to be on hand and to join in the spirited proceedings of this annual event sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

for Mrs. Carl McKen. Mrs. McKen is in very poor health.

The Jehovah's Witnesses were in town Wednesday.

It begins to look like Christmas, as Mr. Vail has his store all decorated inside and out. Soon, our little town will look like New York, all aglow once more.

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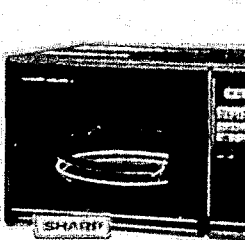
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AT THE WEST BETHEL UNION CHURCH'S Christmas Fair, last Saturday, Kayce Gilbert picks out a canful of cookies at the cookie table, while Becky Kendall and Arlene Lowell look on. (Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

Just yesterday, it seems, that autumn danced in like a fairy queen, touching her wand lightly over our valley, changing everything, creeping along so gracefully and quiet, sweeping the pathways clean that led to the winter's door. Like dreams wrapped in clouds, those things have drifted away and vanished from sight. The curtains of the season have closed tightly against nights of ice and snow. On November 26, Thanksgiving Day, the hills were blanketed with white while little streams murmured softly, softly under the shield of ice. The pond was closed and still, while the little brooks sang a fitting recessional for the waning year. A whole new world moved in just over night. All around my home the next morning there was a scene of enchantment, fences topped with icing and dark green hemlocks parading in new ermine smocks. The sun shone and twinkled on myriads of jewels, a beautiful day.

I took my camera and went for a walk. On the mountains were deep moving shadows, ever changing, blue, deep purple or black. The winter clouds had shed their starry crystals on every branch and rock and the spires of the firs caught the glow.

I tingled my fingers in the pines. They seemed like talkative, old friends with

warm blood flowing through their limbs. As I walked beneath a laden bough, a blue jay called from the top of the tree. Was he saying, "Good morning?"

Vines in a spread-out pattern were hugging the roadside edge. They trailed down the sides in dazzling artistry, etched and embroidered in glints and gusts of snow embroidery and crocheting.

Prayed by the winds, bedraggled in the rain, the cat-tails stood tall at the pond's edge, above their masses of leaves.

The brilliant white stems of the canoe birches mingled with darker trees around them.

On one hill side it looked as if it had rained rocks, as they lay, as they fell, but leaning on each other, cavities between.

I rambled along toward home, sinking through the snow in places, and at the ledges saw long, glistening spires of ice.

It was good to be in such a place on such a day; problems vanished and sorrows stole away.

Thanksgiving Day brought many families together in spite of the snow and bad traveling. At the Holt farm Davis and family came from Standish. No snow there when they left but they found it in Greenwood. Ann and I were with them for the day also. Robert and family did not come from Windsor until Sunday.

Ernest Curtis, Poland, visited me early

West Bethel

By HARRIETT STOWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Merrill, of the Flat Road, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Town and Country Restaurant in Gorham, N.H.

All of their children and all of their grandchildren, except two, were able to be present.

Coming from Stevens Point, Wis., were daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Staples III. From Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Merrill of West Bethel.

Colleen Boyd and Frances Bennett were in Brewer last Wednesday and Thursday as guests of Craig and Janis Boyd and children. Little Sam Boyd was celebrating his second birthday and his grandmother and great grandmother helped to make it a very special occasion.

Adam and Heidi Korhonen arrived from Florida this past weekend to spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Korhonen.

Callers at George and Harriett Stowell's last Wednesday were Jonathan Head, home on break from the University of Southern Maine, Janet Bowers of Rumford, Martha Gammon of Bryant Pond and Sara Carson of Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bennett entertained at Thanksgiving dinner Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blackburn and Trey, Malcolm Bennett, Carolyn, Bruce and Brandon Brown, Colleen Boyd and Frances Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kendall spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kendall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saunders had a late Thanksgiving on Friday, with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Buck, Sheri and Penny in Buckfield.

Mrs. Virginia Brown spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell and family. Mrs. Malcolm Bennett, Leann and Tammy arrived home Tuesday, after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buse in Wimberley, Texas.

Warren and Mary Jane Corliss and sons Nathan and Caleb, of West Bethel, spent Thanksgiving day with many relatives at Gloucester, Mass.

They brought their older son, Rick back with them to spend the weekend at home. He will then return to school in Massachusetts.

in the week and also called on brother Fred. Other callers at Fred's were Mr. and Mrs. Steven Cogswell and son, Troy; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Curtis and a friend, Jessica Ames, Buckfield.

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THE PARENT GROUP FROM THE WEST BETHEL CHILDREN'S CENTER had a table at the Greenwood Fire Department's Craft Sale last Saturday. The parents above are Amy Smith, Bertha Grover and Betsy Dunham. (Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

Elderhostel programs offered in Harrison

Adventurers in learning from all over the United States will soon be converging on Snowbird Lodge, in Harrison, to attend Elderhostel. All will be 60 or older. Snowbird Lodge has offered the Elderhostel program for several seasons. During the winter/spring season, 10 weeks of programs are scheduled. A sample of the courses available includes "Cross-Country Skiing", "China and Russia in the 1980s" and "Beginning Birdwatching."

The Elderhostel classroom is a place for teacher and student alike to share a mutual love of learning. There are no entrance requirements, no homework, no tests, no grades. Each program begins on Sunday and ends the following Friday morning. For information contact: John

Fennell, Rt. 2, Harrison. Area residents who wish to participate on a commuter basis may do so. Write or call 583-2544 for more information.

Elderhostel programs are also offered at Sunday River Inn and have been offered at Gould Academy.

Scholarships, called Hostelships, are readily available through the national office at the address listed below. Elderhostel catalogs are available at your local public library. To receive a free copy, write: Elderhostel, 80 Boylston St., Suite 400, Boston, Mass. 02116

RAINEY COMPLETES TRAINING

Navy Seaman Recruit Jeffrey A. Rainey, son of Edgar A. and Susan E. Rainey, of Locke Mills, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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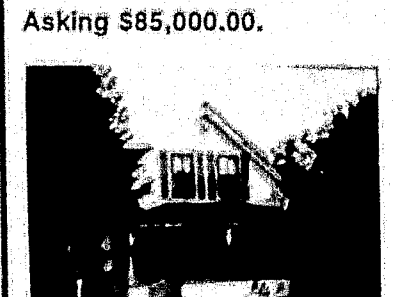


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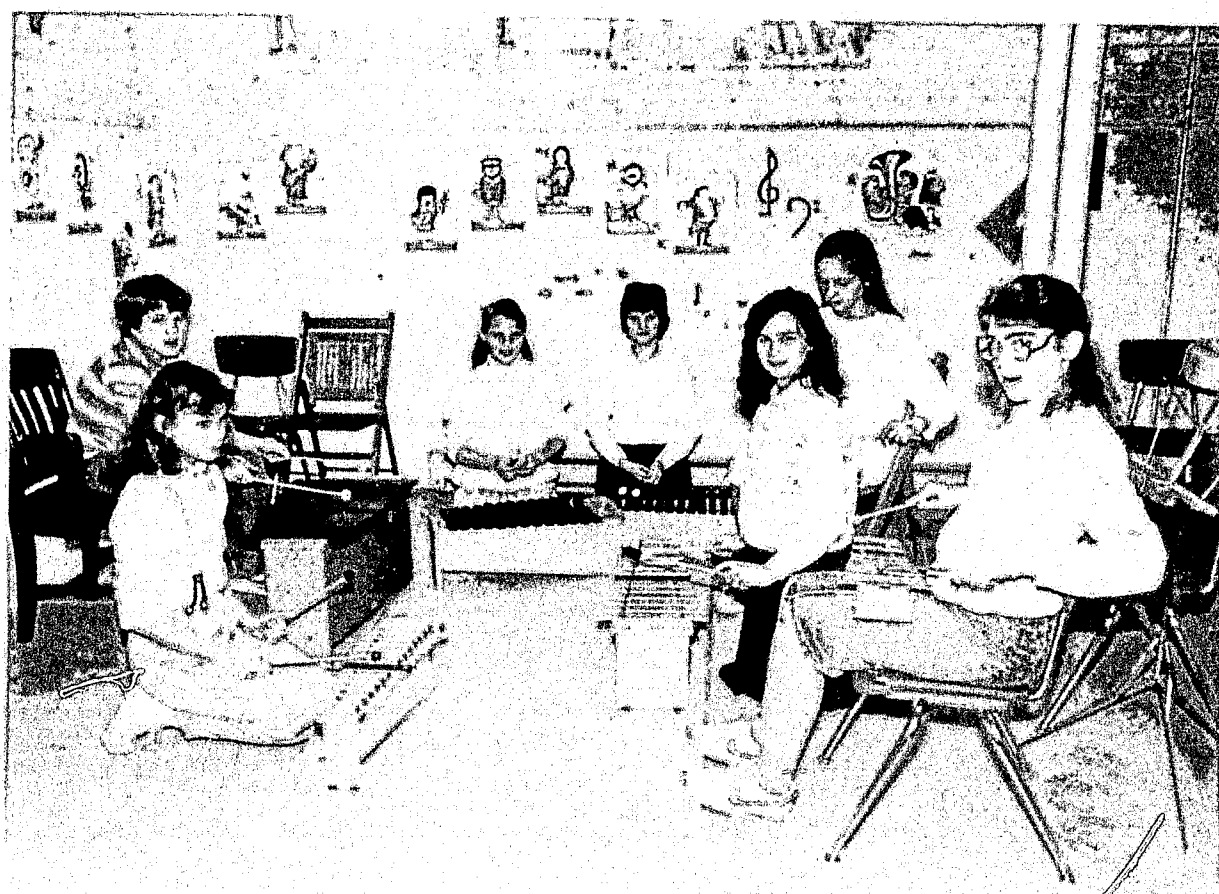
BIRTHS
Born to Wayne and Becks C. of Bethel, a son, Jordan Wayne at Maine Medical Center. Born to Mrs. and Mr. Andre of No. Berwick, a son, James Nov. 18, in Sanford. In Norway, Dec. 4, to Dr.

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THE AGNES GRAY "ORFFESTRA" is practicing Christmas music on their Orff musical instruments. Shown here are 6th-graders Andrea Pratt, Chris Coolidge, Jacqui Beauchese, Rebecca Blake, Jara Gizinski, Emily Kirelher and Rachel Abbott. The "Orffestra" is under the direction of Dan Barker, music teacher at Agnes Gray. Mr. Barker has been in the district 15 years and teaches general music classes, coordinates activities with classroom teachers, and works with individual ensembles.

Agnes Gray School

By MARTA CLEMENTS

The Kindergarten and 1st Grade really enjoyed this year's Thanksgiving feast. Mark Herrick, who works for the Original Crispy Pizza Company, in Auburn, and who has a daughter in Grade 1, brought in all the supplies and equipment and created and baked pizza for everyone—right in front of their eyes. It was perfect from beginning to end!

Now December is upon us and Christmas activities are in everyone's minds. Grade 2 has started an Advent calendar and is working on a Christmas mural. Grade 4 is creating a mural also. Grades 5 and 6 have Christmas artwork on the designated chalkboards. The 5th-graders have also started making decorations and gifts.

Grade 3 is working on the play, "Boo Bear and the Night Before Christmas," which will be presented at 2:15 in the gymnasium on Friday, Dec. 18. Parents and friends are cordially invited.

In addition to the regular penpal letters, or pen friend letters as the 3rd-graders addressed to Australia, Grade 5 is responding to a "Dear Abby" column and is writing letters to servicemen and women who won't be with their families over the holidays. The letters will be accompanied with Christmas cards and lots of good wishes for a happy and safe holiday.

Of course we continue with our regular academic program also! Science is on our minds right now. The Science Fair will be held in January this year, instead of in the spring. Winners from Grades 5 and 6 will be participating in the district fair. However the Agnes Gray Science Fair will include the 4th Grade, giving them a year of practice. Grade 4 is currently working on a unit about electricity; Grade 5 is studying physical and chemical changes; and Grade 6 is studying planets and space.

The lower grades study science, also and Grade 1 is learning the concept of time; Grade 2 is learning about solids, liquids and gases; and Grade 3 will be studying nutrition and body care.

The Junior Great Books groups have begun again and interest is high. Mrs. Michelle Blake is working with Grade 5, Mrs. Heidi Everett with Grade 3, Mrs. Alta Pierce with Grade 4 and Mrs. Debbie Small with Grade 6. Participants from Grade 5 are: Jessica Blake, Alan Lovejoy, Jason Cohen, Heather Brown, Marie Herrick, Tony Bouchard-Inman, Andy Leach and Vivi Beauchese.

LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY
The Bethel Lions Club will host a Christmas party for children of Bethel and surrounding areas Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Lions Den, Main Street, Bethel.

There will be a magic show, by the Great Jeff, plus hot chocolate, fresh popcorn, cookies, fruit and candy. Santa will visit to make out his list and to find out who has been naughty or nice, and to pass out gifts.



THE BETHEL AREA'S ONLY COMPLETE AUTO PARTS STORE is Kelley Auto Parts, on Mechanic Street. Bill Worcester and Spencer Couture are in charge.

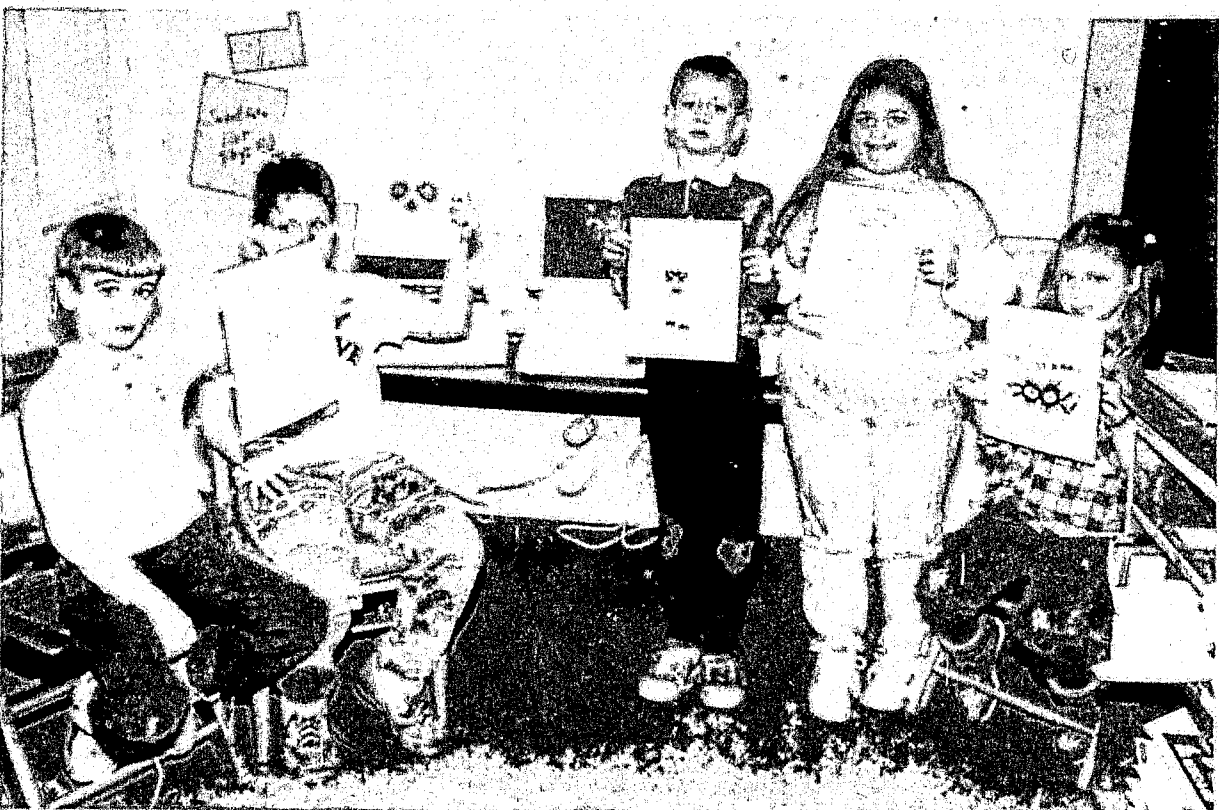
This is your Chamber of Commerce

A member of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Kelley Auto Parts has been part of the Bethel business scene since 1974, when the business moved in to the former Steve's Garage building on Mechanic Street.

The store, owned by the Roger Charest family of Berlin, N.H., was originally in Colebrook, N.H., and was relocated to Bethel in response to the need for an auto parts store in the area. Spencer Couture has been the manager for 12 years, and is assisted by William Worcester.

Kelley Auto Parts is affiliated with NAPA, and carries a full line of auto parts and industrial supplies. In 1983, the business converted to a computerized system to handle inventory, accounts and reordering. The computer scan of the inventory, which is now done in five minutes, would formerly take one person 45 hours to complete.

Mr. Couture hopes for a continued increase in business, and says the past year has been especially busy at Kelley Auto Parts.



MRS. LOPER'S 3RD GRADE STUDENTS, at Agnes Gray School, are using the Print Shop program in their Apple computers to make covers for their book reports. Shown here are Chad Chase (Curious George), Jason Eastman (Monsters, Ghouls and Creepy Creatures), Tim Farrar (Little Wolf), Shannon Farris (Your Turn Doctor) and Emily Cole (Charlotte's Web).

Telstar concert Dec. 16

The Telstar music department will hold its annual Christmas concert Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, in the Telstar auditorium. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and will last about one hour.

Selections will be performed by the high school band, middle school band, and an elementary band of nearly 50 students from throughout the school district.

In addition, there will be special selections played by soloists and small ensembles.

There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted from anyone who would like to help the music program grow.

Space needed for food/clothing bank in town

A number of meetings concerning a Bethel area food/clothing bank have been held and have gathered solid volunteer support. Those active in planning such a relief outlet have been Marvin Ouwinga, Boyce Gartrell, Betsy Ingram, Lucia Schwarz, Ernestine Riley, Heather Sparks, Nancy Babcock, Patrice Leary, Amy Ford and Heidi Dixon.

The present need is for a space to house the food/clothing bank. Anyone with a suggestion, idea or offer should call Marvin Ouwinga, at 824-3304, or Ernestine Riley, at 665-2226. Anyone interested is urged to attend the next meeting, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m., in Room 104 of Hanscom Hall, Gould Academy.

BIRTHS

Born to Wayne and Becky Cummings, of Bethel, a son, Jordan Wayne, Oct. 3, at Maine Medical Center, Portland.
Born to Mrs. and Mrs. Andrew Davis, of Se. Berwick, a son, James Andrew, Nov. 18, in Sanford.
In Norway, Dec. 4, to Donald and Teresa Coolidge Walker, of Bethel, a son, Nathan Lucas, 8 lbs 11 1/2 oz.
In Norway, Nov. 20, to James and Marilyn Swan, of Sunday River, Bethel, a daughter, Sarah Lyn, 8 lbs 5 oz.
In North Conway, N.H., Dec. 3, to Mark and Sheri Kendall, of Bethel, a son, Bret Ronald, 8 lbs 1 1/4 oz.

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Adult Ed office has VCR tapes for GED students

The SAD #44 Adult and Community Education program is now able to loan video-taped copies of the GED Preparation series to adults who are preparing to take the high school equivalency examination, according to Director Cathy Newell.

The series, which covers the five test sections in Reading, Writing Skills, Social Studies, Science and Math, was developed by Kentucky Educational Television and has been carried by the Maine public television stations. Rights to the series were purchased by the University of Maine and allows copies to be made for use by local adult education programs.

The SAD #44 program has three sets of the series to loan out. An accompanying series of workbooks is also available at the Adult Education office at Telstar High School in Bethel.

The television series may be used by adults who are enrolled in the SAD #44 Adult Education program. This restriction ensures that adults who are preparing for the GED have had contact with a staff member who can assist them in developing their educational goals and make sure that the materials are suited to their needs. Contact with adult education also provides the student using the video series with help on problem areas from the adult education teachers.

So far four individuals from SAD #44 have used the series and all have found it helpful.

The SAD #44 program also has a set of the Learn To Read tapes. This series was carried on television last year and is aimed at the adult who needs help with basic reading skills. The Learn To Read tapes are also available for loan. To borrow either series, call the SAD #44 Adult and Community Education office, 824-2780.

SWOAM GETS COMPUTER

In response to a stated need in the newsletter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine, the organization now has a Radio Shack TRS 80 and a printer to go with it.

The computer was donated to the group by Bethel Furniture Stock, according to SWOAM.

In making the gift, Leon Favreau, president of Bethel Furniture Stock, said he was donating the computer "in appreciation for the excellent educational work the association is doing. It is our hope that the equipment will help SWOAM to reach more of the general public."

"The wave of the present and future is for the public to decide forest management of all forests. A better informed public will make better decisions."

Housing Authority has 6% loans for homebuyers

The Maine State Housing Authority is making available an additional \$1 million that will provide 6 percent interest rate mortgage loans to lower income homebuyers, MSHA Director Elizabeth H. Mitchell said.

Unlike other MSHA home purchase programs, the new program is not restricted to first-time homebuyers. The loans will be available to persons with incomes of up to \$20,000 annually who are buying homes, whether or not they own or have owned a home before.

"There are a substantial number of Maine people who may be living in substandard housing, or who have owned a home before, but who do not have an income sufficient to afford to buy decent housing today," Mrs. Mitchell said. "Our new program will help make homeownership affordable for them."

The director said the new program is targeted particularly towards groups such as single parents or owners of older mobile homes who are being evicted from mobile home parks in certain areas of the state.

"Our extraordinarily low interest rate, our long 30-year repayment term, and our 5 percent downpayment requirement all serve to help make homeownership an affordable option for these Maine people," Mrs. Mitchell said.

The MSHA loans can be used to purchase new homes costing up to \$71,000, existing homes costing up to \$68,000, new mobile homes, and existing mobile homes built after 1976. The loans also can be used to purchase existing two, three and four-unit owner occupied housing. The MSHA loans cannot be used to refinance an existing mortgage.

The 6 percent interest rate provides a significant savings on mortgage costs. On a \$50,000 mortgage, the 6 percent rate would save the borrower more than \$150 a month, compared with a conventional mortgage at 11 percent.

Mrs. Mitchell said the loans will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from participating banks and mortgage companies throughout the state.

Mrs. Mitchell urged interested borrowers to act quickly, because the available funds are expected to be used rapidly. For more information about the program, borrowers should contact their local bank or call the MSHA's Homeownership Division in Augusta.

The program is expected to finance between 100 and 150 home purchases for lower-income Maine residents. The new program brings the total amount of lower interest rate home purchase loans made available by the MSHA this year to \$87 million.



THIS IS THE NEWLY FORMED Telstar chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, a national and state organization of high school students planning to go into business careers. They did fund-raising at the Holly Fair last Saturday. The students will volunteer their services to help out at local businesses during the year. If any local businesspeople are interested, they

can contact the advisors, Cheryl Lord or Jane Munn, at Telstar. The students and advisors above are: front row, left to right, Amy Brindley, Wendy Faulkingham, Karen Simmons, Shelley Rice; back row, Mrs. Munn, Karen Morton, Debi Bodwell, Xandy Morton, Patti Jaros, and Miss Lord.

(Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

From the Bethel Area

Chamber of Commerce

The Christmas season has come to the Bethel area! The Chamber of Commerce hopes that all are enjoying the lovely town Christmas trees and the lights on the Bethel common. Many thanks to Bob Davis, Bethel fire chief, and his crew for putting up the lights. Also thanks to Doug Zinchuk, Bruce Douglass, Curtis Cole and Irv Farrar for patiently untangling and testing the many, many

Job openings listed

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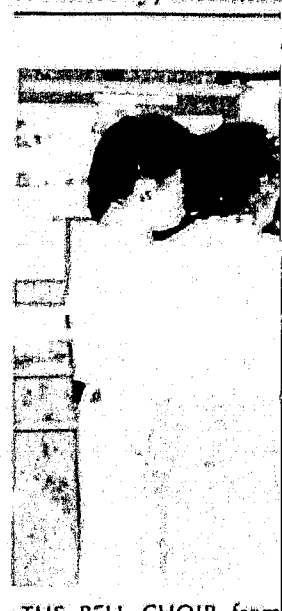
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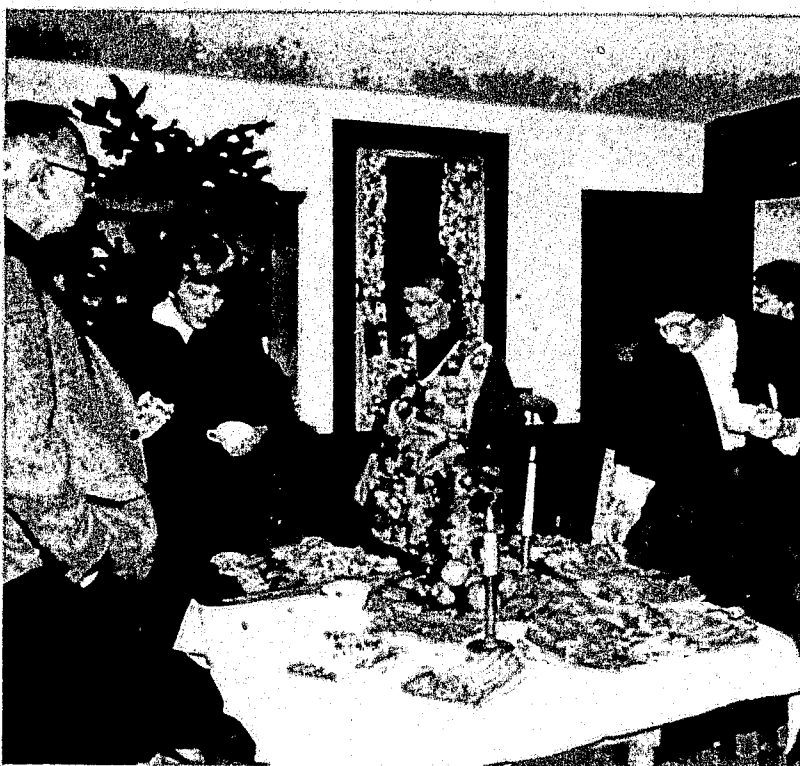
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THE BELL CHOIR from the Congregational Church performed at the Christmas Reception last Thursday at the Moses Mason House. (Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)



PERSIS POST (center) was in charge of the delicacies at the Christmas Reception last Thursday at the Moses Mason House. (Photo by Jeanne Boelsma)

THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

Over 125 people attended the reception and Christmas program held at the Dr. Moses Mason House on Thursday, Dec. 3. The museum was decorated with items that would have been appropriate in the early 19th century, including fruit, boughs of pine and fir, berries and cones. Mistletoe was hung from the ceiling, and a variety of old time Christmas treats.

The dining room featured a gathering of singers, accompanied by Ruth Silver on the organ, playing traditional Christmas music.

The reception, "Christmas with the Masons," also featured the Congregational Church bell ringers performing in the meeting room under the direction of Mary Valentine.

Decorators of the museum included Persis Post, Ruth Silver, Lorrie Hoeh, Judy Haskell, Helen Morton, Gertrude Hutchins and Geraldine Howe. Hosting the event were Ernest and Betty Perkins.

Director Stanley R. Howe made a slide presentation with a selection of some of the old photographs collected during 1987, along with views of Society events during the past year. President Marvin Owings announced that the next meeting would be held on Jan. 7 and feature the annual "So you think you know Bethel." He presented life membership certificates to Steve and Lynda Chandler and Fillmore and Shirley Clough. The "artifact of the month" was announced as an 1840s melodian, the gift of Mary Valentine. This was on view during the reception in the parlor of the museum.

Director Howe introduced Shelia McDonald, of the Maine Bureau of Parks and Recreation, who serves as Maine Awards Chair for the American Association for State and Local History. Ms. McDonald presented Bethel Historical Society Curator of Collections Randall H. Bennett with a Certificate of Commendation from the AASLH for outstanding achievement for his publications in the field of state and local history.

Mr. Bennett, a native of Rumford, has published articles in several magazines, including *Down East*, and has edited,

Changes underway at Sunday River Inn

Steve Wight, owner of Sunday River Inn, announced recently that the name of the inn's cross country ski facility has been changed. The new name, Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center, reflects national thinking on definition of terms and is more easily understood by newcomers to the sport than the old term, ski touring center, according to Mr. Wight.

Wight is an active participant in the management of the sport of cross country skiing locally, statewide and nationally. He has operated his facility at Sunday River for 17 years and was instrumental in founding the national trade organization, Cross Country Ski Areas of America, four years ago. This fall he was elected president of the Maine Nordic Ski Council, an association of cross country ski facilities and retailers in the state. Mr. Wight also authored the editorial copy on cross country skiing for the Maine Publicity Bureau's publication entitled *Maine Guide to Winter*.

According to Mr. Wight, Cross Country Ski Areas of America defines Nordic skiing as all ski disciplines other than Alpine. The group then further defines

the nordic disciplines as cross country skiing (skiing on groomed trails especially prepared for the purpose), ski touring (backcountry or wilderness skiing), and ski jumping. Nationally as well as locally nordic skiing disciplines are attracting growing numbers of participants each year.

This year, in addition to the name change, Mr. Wight says his facility will provide new amenities to add a more social atmosphere to the cross country ski experience. A sunspace addition is being completed on the center to provide enlarged retail space and new "socialization space" where skiers can relax between runs to visit with friends, eat lunch, and watch other skiers. Picnic shelters will also be provided along the trail system to encourage families and groups to stop and enjoy the beauty of the forest landscape.

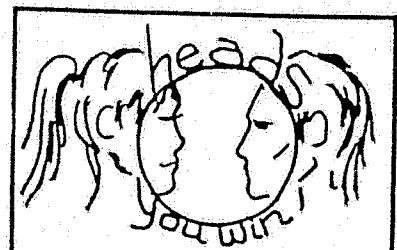
Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center opened for the season on Sunday, Nov. 29 and since that time has been hosting college and high school race teams and others looking for early season skiing on groomed trails. This year there is great interest among runners and joggers to use cross country skiing as a fitness workout in winter.

financed and published three books: "Sketches of Oxford County" (1975), "The History of Rumford, Maine" (1975), and Sunday River Sketches: A New England Chronicle" (1977). His latest work, "Oxford County, Maine: A Guide to its Historic Architecture" appeared earlier this year.

Following the program, Christmas refreshments were served, including fruit punch, fruit breads, cookies and fruit cakes. A special attraction were oliebollen, a Dutch Christmas treat made especially for the evening by Society President Owings.

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SCHOOL VOLUNTEER EILEEN MOWATT is a familiar face at Agnes Gray School. She comes in several days a week to help the teachers and sometimes does special projects with the students. In a recent project with some of Mrs. Loper's students, she helped the children write letters to the principal, Mr. Koch. He wrote back to each student, and Mrs. Mowatt then passed the letters out to the delighted students, above. The students are: front row, left to right, Scott Cote, Mary Anne Cox, Katie Buehl, Emily Cole and Ms. Mowatt; back row, Shannon Farris, Hope Lovejoy, Alicia Coolidge, Josh Dunham.

West Paris

By MIRIAM INMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Proctor entertained on Thanksgiving the following: Owen, Donna and Dennis Melville, Donita and Michelle Murch, Raymond, Dorene, Benjamin, Jason and Elizabeth Merrill, Shelley Birney, Dennis Heino, Phil Smith, Ivan, Jr. and Beryl Bonney. Owen and Donna Melville and Dennis returned to Woodland on Sunday, after spending the long weekend with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sayward Lamb were Thanksgiving guests of their son, Ronnie and Donna Lamb in Sebec.

Guests at the home of Nestor and Rachel Ruokola were "Pete" and Marjorie Chase, Audrey and Carmen Hadley, Everett and Dede Chase, Rucky and Linda Chase, Rucky and Chad and Randy and Wendy Chase and Becky.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Doughty and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Robertson and Kathleen had Thanksgiving dinner at The Bethel Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunham and Joshua had as guests on Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dunham, Diana and Rick Parson, Hope and Rucky, and

Sharon and Mike Culbert and Courtney Terry, Georgia and Alicia Cram, Arnold Cram, Ruth Hazelton, Kelly and Melissa Vining, and Leland Doughty joined Mrs. Arlene Farr and Stanley and Maxine Cram for dinner on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ellingwood entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Young and Liz, Valerie Costello, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Poland, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hakala and Joey, Kathy Young and Roger Smith for dinner on Thanksgiving.

The Vernon Inman's had the following for dinner on Thursday: Elsie Paranen, Bill and Ginny Aridas, Marshall and Susan Inman, Todd and Tony, Charles and Vicky Sanborn and Walter, Kim, Verne and Walter, Jr. Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. William Berry, Daniel and Ryan spent the Thanksgiving weekend in Rutland, Vt., with Mrs. Berry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Buck visited his mother Lula Buck during the weekend.

There were 25 present at the Vernon Inman's camp for dinner on Sunday.

Those enjoying another turkey dinner were, Milton and Eleanor Inman, Gary Inman, Gregg, Dixie, Audrey and Abby Inman, Byron and Mary Inman, Gilbert, Denise, Paul and Luke Inman, Ginny Aridas, Marshall and Susan Inman, Todd and Tony, Charles and Vicky Sanborn, Walter Inman, Verne and Walter, Jr., and Vernon and Miriam Inman.

Ginny Aridas returned Monday to Riverhead, Long Island, N.Y., after spending the past week with her folks. "Peanut" Millett, Lewiston, called on Lula Buck yesterday.

Granite Chapter #115, O.E.S., will hold their meeting followed by a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 10. There will be a 6 p.m. supper with Louie Coffin and Frances Haney in charge.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the Universalist Church Family Christmas supper will be held at 5 p.m. Dixie Inman and Peggy Perham are on the planning committee. Those attending should bring a hot dish or salad. There will be a program and

NEW BOOKS AT ANDOVER LIBRARY

Adult Fiction: *Kaleidoscope* by Danielle Steel; *Heaven and Hell* by John Jakes; *The Slipper* by Jennifer Wilde; *Spangle* by Gary Jennings; *Paper Money* by Ken Follet; *File of Spring* by Andrew M. Greeley; *The Tommyknockers* by Stephen King; *Murder in the C.I.A.* by Margaret Truman.

Adult Non-Fiction: *Windows and Doors by Time/Life*; *Dying to be Thin* by Ira M. Sacker; *Homemade Ice Cream and Cake* by Elise W. Manning; *The White House Chef Cookbook* by Rene Verdon; *Good Housekeeping Cookbook for Calorie Watchers*; *The American Heritage Cookbook* by Helen McCully (Editor); *The Busy People's Cookbook* by Beverly Anderson Nemiro; *Fondue Magic* by Anita Prichard; *Damnyankee in a Southern Kitchen* by Helen Worth; *Bible Dictionary* by James P. Boyd; *Patio, Terrace, Deck and Roof Gardens* by Alice Upham Smith; *Upholstery* by Jeanne Argent.

Also *The Cooks' Catalogue*, *Mastering the Art of French Cooking Vol. 2* by Julia Child and Simone Beck; *Decorating Cakes and Party Food* by Louise Spencer; *Desserts from A to Z* by Good Housekeeping; *Easy Living* by Marguerite Patten; *Waste Not Want Not* by Helen McCully; *The Cookbook Book* by Barbara Wyden; *Decorate for Christmas* by Eugene T. and Marilyn Sullivan; *American Wines and Wine Cooking* by Shirley Sarvis and Robert Thompson; *Fascinating Foods from the Deep South* by Allene P. Suzor; *Italian Casserole Cooking* by Angela Calanzano; *The New York Times Natural Foods Cookbook* by Jean Hewitt.

Also *Associated Press Cookbook* by Cecily Brownston; *Creative Cake Decorating* by Rose Cantrell; *Desserts*

and *Pastries* by Leone Bos; *In a Pickle or a Jam* by Vicki Wilder; *Our Best Recipes* by Lena E. Sturges; *A Primer for Pickles*, *A Reader for Relishes* by Jack and Ruby Guthrie; *Cooking with Celebrities* by Gloria Brummitt; *Golden Treasury of Cooking* by Better Homes and Gardens; *The Large Type Cookbook* by Avenelle S. Day; *Homemade Cookies* by Better Homes and Gardens; *New England Cookbook* by June Platt; *French Country Cookbook* by Charles Virion.

Junior Fiction: *Reflections* by Ann Jonas; *Aster Aardvark's Alphabet Adventures* by Steven Kellogg; *No Need for Monty* by James Stevenson; *The Twelve Days of Christmas, Here I Am*, *An Only Child* by Marlene Fanta Shyer; *Pet Show* by Ezra Jack Keats; *Be Ready at Eight* by Peggy Parish; *Sam Who Never Forgets* by Eve Rice; *The Trip* by Ezra Jack Keats; *Magical Changes* by Graham Oakley.

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the Eleanor B. Forbes Goodwill Group will gather at the home of Myrtle Bonney for a 1 p.m. snack lunch.

Clara Gordon will assist Mrs. Bonney. After lunch the ladies will fill and deliver Christmas baskets to shut-ins.

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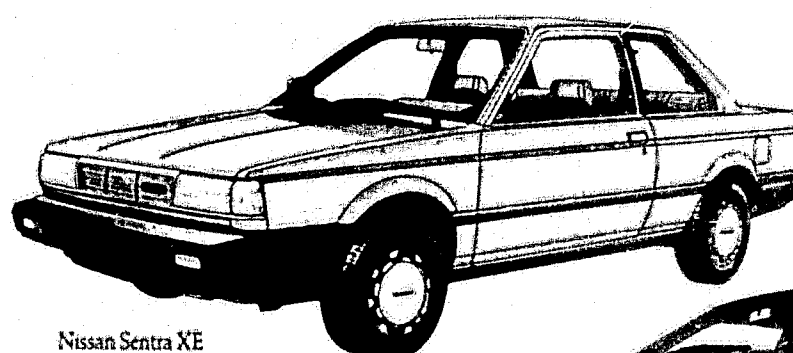
CARD OF THANKS

The family of Hazel M. Strout wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the cards, flowers and food during the loss of our mother. A special thank you to Tri-Town Rescue for responding to Mom's many calls and to those who made donations to Tri-Town in her loving memory. Also thank you to Dr. Ware and the nursing staff at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Nicholas Clements of Andrews Funeral Home, Joseph Perham and the Jefferson Chapter #89 of the OES for their beautiful service.

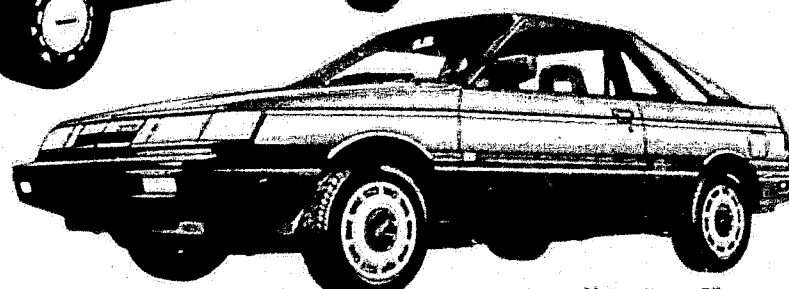
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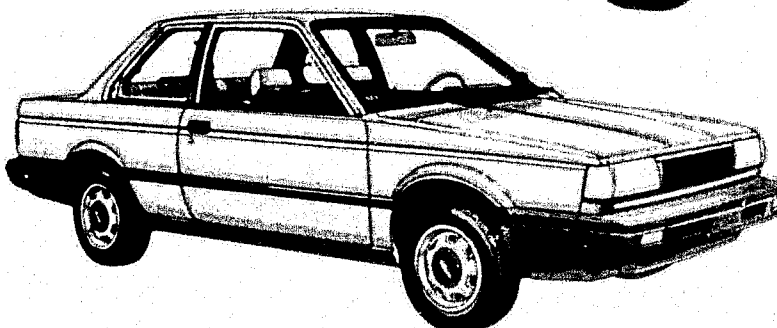
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Othel H. Buck, 83, of West Paris, died early Sunday, Dec. 6, 1987, in the emergency room at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, shortly after admission.

He was born at Milton Plantation May 6, 1904, the son of Herbert and Mary Coudage Buck. He was educated in Milton schools and married the former Minnie E. Swift on July 5, 1920. She died Aug. 21, 1980. Mr. Buck lived for many years on his farm on High Street, West Paris, where he was a farmer and tenant. He later worked for several years for Penley Brothers of West Paris until his retirement. He then worked part-time at the Ole Olson farm in West Paris. He was a long-time member of the West Paris Grange, where he served as gatekeeper for many years. He was also a member of Pomen, State and National Granges.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Lintindall, of South Paris, and Mrs. Laurene Appleby, of South Woodstock; one sister, Mrs. Sarah Daugherty, of West Paris and Orono, Me.; six grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Andrews Funeral Home, South Woodstock, with interment in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, South Paris. Donations in his memory may be made to Maine Lung Association, 128 Sewall St., Augusta, Maine 04330 or American Heart Association, Maine Affiliate, Inc., Box 266, 20 Winter St., Augusta, Maine 04330.

MRS. ELVIE L. GATCHELL

Mrs. Elvie L. Gatchell, 83, of 144 High St., South Paris, died unexpectedly Friday, Dec. 4, 1987, at her residence. She was born at West Paris July 22, 1874, the daughter of Kelly and Sarah Elina Linnitt. She graduated from West Paris High School in 1922 and was class valedictorian. She married Hiram Gatchell in 1922 and had been a homemaker most of her life.

She is survived by her husband of South Paris; three daughters, Elaine Besenke, of Saskatchewan, Canada, Vicki Wilson of Oxford, and Candy Gatchell of South Paris; one son, William Gatchell of Norway; one step-daughter, Debbie Kennehan of Norway; two sisters, Olga Pierce of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Anne Duono of Hemet, Calif.; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Raymond Funeral Home, South Paris, with interment in the Norway Pine Grove Cemetery. Those who wish may make donations in her memory to the Maine Lung Association, 20 Willow St., Augusta, Maine 04330.

Notes from the Woodstock Historical Society

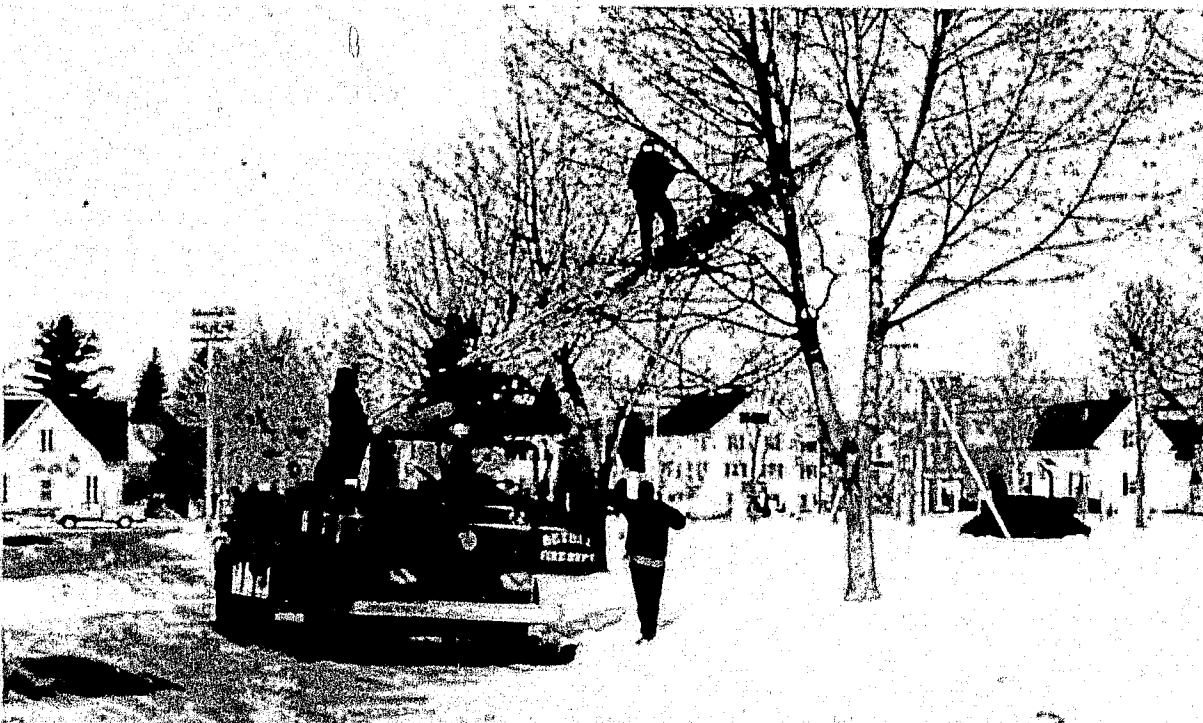
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Those of you who have not done so already should read some of Mrs. Rich's books, especially *State O' Maine* and *The Coast of Maine*. She is one of the best exponents of Maine society in print, and reprints of her books are now available. It is difficult to find really insightful writing in our corner of the world.

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Public hearing Monday on low-level nuke waste

Copies of a proposed plan to develop a Maine low-level radioactive waste disposal facility are being made available through libraries in the state. A public hearing on the draft plan will be held Monday, Dec. 14, beginning at 5 a.m., in Room 113, State Office Building, Augusta. Written comments will be accepted up to Dec. 21 at the office of the Maine Low-level Radioactive Waste Authority, 29 Western Ave., Augusta 04330.

At a Nov. 24 meeting, authority members decided to mail copies of the plan to municipal libraries in the state. The mailing is to be done by the first week in December.

Interested residents may also obtain a copy of the draft plan by writing State Geologist Walter Anderson, Ray Building, State House Station #22, Augusta 04333.

The draft plan does not recommend where to put a Maine low-level radioactive waste disposal facility. It does propose a process and a timetable for deciding on the site for a facility.

After the public hearing and public comment period, the authority must immediately prepare a final version of the waste management plan to submit to the U.S. Department of Energy by Jan. 1, 1988.

Failure to meet the Jan. 1 federal deadline will cost Maine the rebate to which it will be entitled if it meets the deadline. The rebate equals 25 percent of the surcharge paid on Maine low-level radioactive waste shipped to national disposal sites between July 1, 1986, and Dec. 31, 1987. The money is to be used to continue planning a Maine disposal facility.

Maine low-level waste generators will also face penalties if the state plan is not submitted by Jan. 1. Under federal law, failure to meet the deadline makes generators liable for a double surcharge for the first half of 1988 and a quadruple surcharge for the second half of the year. The law further allows the three national disposal facilities to refuse to accept low-level radioactive waste from Maine beginning Jan. 1, 1989.

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West Paris budget and warrant taking shape

The West Paris Board of Selectmen have begun work on next year's budget and next year's Town Meeting warrant. Organizations that wish to request appropriations from the Town of West Paris should submit their requests to the selectmen's office by Dec. 15.

Anyone wishing to submit an article for the Town Meeting warrant should have it in to the selectmen by Dec. 17. Winter dues are now in effect in the town are: Wednesdays, 7:30 to 4:30; Saturdays, 7:30 to 4:30; and Sundays, 8 to noon.

The 1988 dog licenses are in. Proof of rabies shot is needed to register your dog.

The tax collector reports that 70 percent of the municipal tax monies have been collected, as compared to 78 percent at this time last year. However, tax bills went out one month later this year.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 10: Locke Mills Christmas Tree lighting, at 6:30 p.m., at the common.

Bethel Conservation Commission organizational meeting, at Telstar Regional High School, 7 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 & 12: Family conference at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church, at 7 p.m.—Sunday, 8:15 & 10:30 a.m., and 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 11, Jan. 15: Collection of prints by Neil Welliver at the James Owen Art Gallery, Gould Academy; reception Friday, Dec. 11, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12: Rabies clinic, at the Bethel Fire Station, 9-11 a.m.

Chemical-free Christmas Sock Hop, at Andover Town Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m. for younger children, 9 p.m. to midnight for teenagers, sponsored by the Andover

Telstar members of the Senior Scholarship Fund.

Sunday, Dec. 13: Lions Club Christmas Party for Bethel area children, 1-3 p.m., at the Bethel Lions Den.

Monday, Dec. 14: Regular meeting of S&D #44 Board of Directors, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 15: Rotary Club Christmas Dinner for senior citizens, at Bethel Legion Hall, noon.

Wednesday, Dec. 16: Bryant Pond Christmas Tree Lighting, 8:15 p.m., on the Common.

Friday, Dec. 18: Christmas decorating contest judging, 5-8 p.m., sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sunday, Dec. 20: Bethel's Living Nativity, at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., on the Common.

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